

Council puts no tax increase school budget option on table

City sells Bendix site for Family Channel use

City council Tuesday approved the sale of the 16-acre Bendix Road site between Bonney Road and Route 44 to International Family Entertainment Inc., the Family Channel for \$95,000 per usable acre.

IFE plans to construct a 60,000-90,000 square foot post production and technical transmission facility on the parcel for The Family Channel, FIT TV and MTM Studios, investing between \$10 and \$15 million and employing as much as 150 persons at an average annual salary of \$50,000.

The Department of Economic

Development has been working with representatives of IFE and Olympia Development Corporation, IFE's real estate consultant on a possible project on the Bendix Road property.

Tax revenues during the first year are expected to be more than \$160,000 from real estate, personal property, utilities and other taxes. Economic Development negotiated the price of \$95,000 per usable acre and a purchase agreement has been negotiated between the city and Lynnhaven Acquisition Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of IFE.

Mayor requests center off COIG grant list

Mayor Meyera Oberdorf has asked that council reconsider the elimination of the Independence Center from inclusion in the city's Community Organization Incentive Grants (COIG) list of grant recipients.

The organization, which works toward making the handicapped independent, received \$32,500 last year and

officials have charged that it was taken off the list because of a suit by the organization against the city over an alleged inadequacy in facilities for the handicapped at the GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater.

Oberdorf also asked that a \$8,750 COIG grant to Tidewater Legal Aid be restored.

Construction safety camp for kids planned

Community safety is the reason Virginia Beach teamed up with the Army Corps of Engineers to develop the Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project. It's also the reason for hosting Kids Construction Safety Camp on Saturday, May 17 from 9-10 a.m. on 45th Street at the oceanfront.

Children and parents are invited to come and learn about safety features that are built into the construction plan for a new seawall from 43rd-

58th Street. Enjoy the Hurray Players' clever interpretation of safety rules during construction. Visit the Virginia Marine Science Museum's Mobile Marine Lab, and see S.B. Ballard's big construction equipment up-close, as you learn how the project will help the community and the beach.

Plan to walk or ride your bike, as on-site parking is limited. The event is free and open to the public. For information or questions call 437-6265.

Walk for the Children May 9 at oceanfront

The Third Annual Walk for the Children will be held on Friday, May 9 at the 24th Street Park on the Virginia Beach Oceanfront. The event is a project of the Norfolk City Union of The King's Daughters and benefits Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters.

Entertainment, food and fun begin at 6 p.m. Families can picnic while enjoying the vocals and acoustic guitar of Warren Seaburg joined by The Blend and Legacy. Do a little star-gazing through the telescopes of the Tidewater Community College Astronomical Society, or go for

a spin on the Orbitron and bounce on the moonwalk.

The walk will begin as the moon rises, approximately 7:15 p.m. (rain or shine). The course stretches south along the boardwalk to 8th Street and back to the 24th Street Park (approximately 2.5 miles). Bring flashlights for a scavenger hunt along the way.

Trolley service from 10th Street will run approximately every quarter hour from 7:45 until 9:30 p.m. for those weary walkers who want a lift back to the 24th Street Park.

For more information, contact the Norfolk City Union office at 668-7098.

Native Americans to honor culture, veterans

A Native American educational and cultural event will honor veterans and Native Americans at Mount Trashmore on Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Grand entry will begin at noon. All active military personnel, military veterans and the general public are invited to attend. Admission and parking are free.

Native Americans in full regalia will portray native dances and ceremonies as an expression of their appreciation to all veterans. Native American art, crafts, cultural displays, demonstrations and food will be on sale.

Mustang buffs gather at Pavilion this weekend

Car buffs, collectors and anyone yearning for a little nostalgia can see more than 300 collector-quality Mustangs when Virginia Beach Pavilion

Convention Center hosts the National Mustang Club of America Car Show May 3-4. For more information, call Ken Davis at 857-0389.

By LEE CAHILL

City Council Reporter Virginia Beach's Management Office has come up with a school budget option that brings the city's allocation for schools within approximately \$4,000 of the school board's latest proposal — with no real estate tax increase for this year.

Presented Tuesday at a city council work session, the plan apparently was not too attractive to council members and may be even less attractive to the school system, which had not seen it at that time.

It's chief failing is that it is a one-time solution to a continuing problem.

City Manager James K. Spore said that what the figures do is fund programs and not increase taxes. The plan "is not necessarily recommended" by staff, he said.

E. Dean Block, director of management, said that the "public is persuaded there is no need for a tax increase. The only way to get there without a tax increase is (to provide) less money for compensation, to cut other items or to trim the budget. I'm not selling it (the plan); I'm explaining it."

Block pointed out that the city has six or seven options and "we can get you more." Proposals

CHECK IT OUT

Council will have a budget pre-conciliation workshop on Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. A public hearing on the budget will be held on Tuesday at 2 p.m. preceding a reconciliation workshop. Council is expected to act on the budget on May 13.

A public hearing also will be held on May 6 on doubling the Sandbridge district sand tax to 12 cents. The tax is earmarked for the sand replenishment project at Sandbridge beach.

have ranged from no tax increase to a seven-cent tax increase.

What the plan does is:

- Avoid a real estate tax rate increase for this year.

- Provide for the state-recommended four percent salary increase for teachers, but by Oct. 1 (rather than Sept. 1).
- Leave all instructional programs in tact.

- Use the estimated school board's year-end budget of \$16.5 million for non-recurring costs.

The school system initially approved a \$422,294,892 operating budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year. An April 20 option presented by Superintendent of

Schools Dr. Timothy Jenney, but not in writing, pushed the figure down to \$415,016,705, which would require a real estate tax increase of 2.9 and cents generating \$5.5 million.

The city manager's proposed operating budget makes \$409,051,705 available for education, a 5.62 increase over the current fiscal year, with no tax increase.

An April 16 option increased that figure to \$414,069,704 with a 2.4 cent tax increase generating \$4.55 million.

Under the latest option, the additional revenues will come from an increase in the estimate of the sales tax revenues of \$470,000; an increase in the estimates of impact aid to schools from the federal government for the impact of some federally-related students on the school system of \$250,000; additional fee revenues that have been identified of \$30,000; a shift of \$1 million in pay as you go funds from the capital to the operating budget; and, a shift of \$250,000 from the city side which had been earmarked for the replacement of equipment from the general services department.

Block said that the most major of these changes if the shift of

pay as you go funds and the shift of the \$250,000 from the general services equipment replacement.

Deducted from the original school board budget of \$422.3 million would be \$1.6 million for payroll parity which will still be possible with a delay to Oct. 1 for the four percent salary increase for teachers — the budget has a 3.2 percent increase in payroll, which will be adequate to provide for the 4 percent increase for teachers; a shift of \$5.4 million, which was applied to the year end balance to provide for the purchase of equipment, and, \$4.2 million in an adjustment of positions and accounts.

Block said that his office had reviewed the school budget carefully and would eliminate 50 positions so that 107 employees would be added instead of 157. He said that the 50 were taken from as many administrative types as possible, that classroom teachers were retained.

Of the \$16.5 million in the estimated year-end budget only \$300,000 is unallocated in the newest option.

The remainder would go to operating budget support (\$5.4 million); Cooke Elementary (\$600,000); a study for four schools, \$200,000; renewal and

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Volunteers paint their hearts out for elderly Va. Beach joins regional effort

By M.J. KNOBLOCK

Sun Correspondent Paint your heart out, Virginia Beach!

After helping people in other cities perform an annual service project to help spruce up homes in disrepair, Virginia Beach residents are helping their own.

With a bit of prompting from three local Rotary clubs, the resort city has joined Chesapeake, Portsmouth and Norfolk for the first time in the annual Paint Your Heart Out project.

Five Beach homes were the objects of hammers, nails, fresh paint, caulking, cleanup and general repair last weekend as a brigade of about 150 volunteers converged upon the houses to make them a safer and more pleasant place to live.

The recipient home owners were mostly elderly folks who, for one reason or another, are unable to make the necessary repairs and upkeep on their own.

The project is in keeping with the Rotarian motto "service

above self" and gives both club members and non-members a chance to help others.

The Cape Henry, Princess Anne and Hampton Roads clubs organized the effort with help from the Navy's CINCLANTFLT staff and their families, as well as members of St. Aiden's Church.

"In this case, we decided to do something that's more hands-on," explained Jim Wood, chair of Paint Your Heart Out Virginia Beach. "A lot of times people do feel-good projects, but this is more than that because we really do have an impact on these elderly folks' lives. There's no other way they could get this done."

Wood said the volunteers get an immediate reward from Paint Your Heart Out (PYHO) because they can see the results at the end of their eight- or 10-hour contribution.

"This is actually something they're not donating money to,"

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A DAB WILL DO YOU. Military and civilian volunteers joined forces Saturday in Virginia Beach for the city's first Paint Your Heart Out.

Library urges referendum to fund building, service programs at Beach

By LEE CAHILL

City Council Reporter

The Virginia Beach Library Board has asked city council to approve a referendum in the November election to increase the real estate tax rate up to 7 cents to improve what was described as inadequate and out-of-date library facilities.

The request, made at a city council workshop Tuesday, comes at a time when the city is wrestling with the problem of meeting school board funding requirements with or without a tax increase.

The referendum would ask citizens to impose a 6 to 7 cents tax rate increase which means that for a \$100,000 home, \$60 to \$70 would be added to the real estate tax bill.

As a second option, the board has suggested two referenda, one in November for a 4.7 cent increase and a second in November of 1999 or 2000 for a 2.4 cent tax rate increase.

Other options posed by the board are funding renovations with year-end balances and placing only new projects on the referendum.

Eight new library construction projects are included in the program: Green Run/Salem, 19,000 square feet; Princess Anne, 18,000 square feet; Cypress Point, \$12,000 square feet; Centerville, \$15,000 square feet; Little Neck, 10,000 square feet; Bayside (opened in 1969), 18,000 square feet; Oceanfront (opened in 1978), 16,000 square feet; and Bayfront, 7,500 square feet.

Modernization projects include Windsor Woods (opened in 1966) and additional 1,700 square feet; Great Neck (opened in 1976), 2,000 square feet; Pungo/Blackwater (opened in 1990), 1,200 square feet and the library administration, 2,000 square feet. Renovations are also included for the Central Library which was opened in 1988, and the

Kempsville Library which was opened in 1990.

Betty Bridges, board chairman, said the rapid growth of the city and the changes in the way information is distributed make it critical to take steps to expand and upgrade the library system for the 21st century. She said the system is a good system, but its aging infrastructure and the development of electronic technology are causing it to show its age.

Bridges said that the success of the system is attributable to its largely dedicated staff, but because the personnel is limited, it can spend only two minutes with a customer seeking information. She said that the system has one staff member for more than 3,000 borrowers. The library proposals called for enhanced services as well as building projects.

She said that the library allocation, cut back in 1990 have never returned to the 1990 level.

She said materials are purchased in small quantities, that technology can't keep pace, that the children space is limited and that access to books is frequently blocked by programs.

Bridges also said the board wanted to put the library issue on the ballot last year, but was asked to wait a year.

"Nothing has changed; the critical needs are there...we can't allow the resource to become underfunded."

Library director Martha Sims, said the libraries have had the plan since the mid '80s. She said that the requirements are based on the square foot per capita needs. The impact of the electronic resources has increased the space needed so that buildings have to be 20 to 25 percent larger. In the older buildings, wiring has been a major challenge.

From public dialogue, she said,

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Commentary

REBUILDING BEGINS AS FLOODWATERS RECEDE

Help from afar

We have sat in front of our televisions and watched horrendous floods wreak havoc on Minnesota and North and South Dakota. We have felt helpless against these ravages of nature, remembering Virginia's own floods last year that devastated the southwestern portion of the state.

When the Old Dominion needed help, other states were there for it. Now it's time to return the favor.

The local American Red Cross has kicked off a flood relief fund-raising drive to help the victims of the Red River's rise. The Red Cross has been on the scene for weeks preparing for the floods, sheltering tens of thousands, and feeding hundreds of thousands of residents, sand-baggers and relief workers.

The spring flooding has cost the Midwest millions in property damage. Lives have been lost. Families have been torn apart. Aid is critical.

To this end the Portsmouth/West Chesapeake and Tidewater chapters of the American Red Cross are working with Goodwill to raise monies for the affected regions.

Financial donations can be made directly to the local chapters: 393-1031 in Portsmouth and West Chesapeake, or 446-7753 in Norfolk, Virginia Beach and eastern Chesapeake.

For donation of items such as clothing, furniture and toiletries, deliver the items directly to the nearest Goodwill outlet and have a representative mark them for "Flood Relief." In turn, Goodwill will give the Red Cross a financial contribution based on the weight of the items donated.

However, items cannot be shipped to the flooded regions for several reasons — cost, storage and, perhaps the most important, rebuilding. The Red Cross gives flood victims vouchers to purchase new items from stores in the local community. The benefits are twofold. First, victims who have lost everything feel they have some control and can choose items of their taste and style. Second, many of the retail stores have suffered loss as well as a result of the flooding. Some may even go out of business if money is not put back into the local community.

Money donated to the local Red Cross and marked for flood relief will help restore not only families who have lost everything, but the economy of the community struck by disaster. Fund-raising efforts will continue until all the needs of victims in the Midwest are met. Be generous.

THUMBS UP!

The volunteer spirit

As the Presidents' Summit for America's Future wrapped up in Philadelphia this week, we at home were reminded that the volunteer spirit is alive and well in Hampton Roads.

All across the region Saturday thousands rolled up their sleeves to spread a coat of goodwill during the areawide Paint Your Heart Out. Thanks to those efforts, several low-income elderly citizens now have sparkling clean homes and well-tended yards. In that same vein, hundreds donned their grungies last month for Operation Spruce-Up, a statewide effort to beautify Virginia's parks, highways and byways. In Chesapeake alone more than 5,000 residents volunteered their energies to the GLAD Bag-A-Thon.

This spirit of helping others is not new, as the non-profit organization VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads can attest.

Locally, there are dozens of organizations manned by men, women and even children that are laboring to make life better for their fellow citizens. There are organizations for myriad interests and concerns, whether the favorite cause is children, the elderly, education, the disabled, the homeless, veterans, even science and history.

Each person has some talent to give. All it takes is a call to VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads, 624-2400, to discover your special niche.

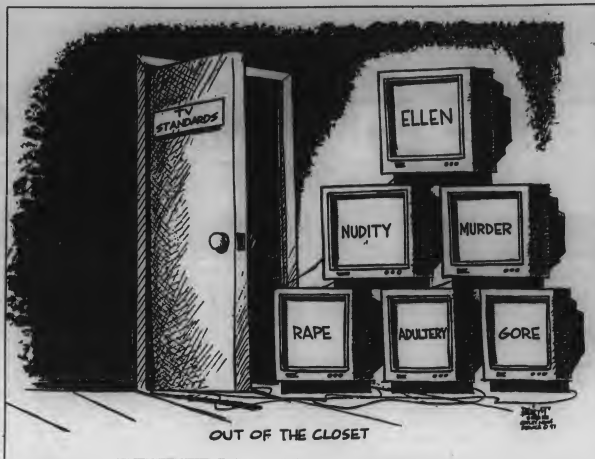
Then start making a difference. — V.E.H.

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Letter to the editor

Time has come to balance scales of education

Editor:

In Saturday's *Virginian-Pilot's* lead editorial, entitled "Teach Science," the editor asserted that creationist practice science backwards, but it is the evolutionists that are truly backward, not the creationists.

Even Charles Darwin, the original propagator of the evolution theory, denounced it on his death bed in 1882. If he knew it was flawed, why don't we simply acknowledge the error of our ways and relegate "evolution" back to being the theory it really is?

Today, evolution is routinely taught as a fact in our public schools, rather than theory. It masquerades as science, but serves as the chief cornerstone for the religion of humanism. If children are taught about communism, socialism, Hinduism, humanism, secularism and all the other "isms." Why not creationism?

Noah Webster defines "theory" as a doctrine or scheme of things, which terminates in speculation or contemplation, without a view to practice. It is an exposition of general principles of any science or philosophical explanation of phenomena, either physical or moral, and nothing more. Evolution should be viewed in light of this.

The editor wrote that "Science discovers. Faith knows. The difference is vast."

The difference is vast, and is yet the myth of evolution is constantly taught as fact in our schools, and those in faith know that it is time that this flawed belief be exposed.

Scientists readily admit that external forces

upset the arrangement and evolution of chromosomes in the evolutionary process. There is no explanation for the whole races of peoples that have grown old and died without being integrated into other groups. There are large dangerous, unexplainable gaps in the series of evolving species, especially many years ago, and the scientific community has been caught distorting fossil age, and relatively by circular dating.

The pendulum swings. Last year the state of Tennessee mandated that evolution be taught in theory only in their schools. Perhaps we should follow suit in Virginia.

Today, people in Tidewater and all over the country are fed up with having evolution rammed down their throats as fact, rather than being taught as a theory.

The recent Infoline Survey indicated that people favor creation-based theories being taught in public schools on a scale of four to one. Obviously, evolution flies in the face of most people's beliefs.

It is past time that we balance the scales of justice and adjust the curriculum taught in our public schools, by allowing our children to discern what is fact and what is theory. Is the American way.

After being exposed to both theories our children can either believe that they evolved from slimy algae or some lower ape like form or they can choose to believe that an omnipotent loving creator had a hand in their life.

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Furniture fever fuels feuds

Hi ho, hi ho, how fast those tax refunds go.

Since Uncle Sam saw fit to send us back a healthy chunk of our hard-earned cash, what could we do with all that money?

Evan and I could have been thrifty and saved it for something important, like real estate taxes. Or we could have plunked it into an IRA or CD. Or we could have saved it for our summer vacation.

We bought furniture instead.

With the tax money combined with earnings from our recent yard sale burning a hole in our pockets, we needed only to look at the shabby den to decide it needed a serious makeover.

Preparations for the big shopping trip began days in advance. I pulled out catalogs and began examining the latest styles. I saved sales sheets from the newspapers. I hoarded ideas in my mind of the perfect den — stylish yet comfortable, durable yet fashionable.

Evan had just one idea: buy as cheaply as possible. Somehow we'd have to come to a happy medium.

When furniture shopping day dawned I could barely contain myself. Shopping in its lowest form — grocery shopping — gets me happy enough. Clothes shopping makes me ecstatic. You can only imagine what "big ticket" shopping does. I was on Cloud Nine.

Donning comfortable shoes and clothes, we planned to hit "Furniture Alley," better known as Virginia Beach Boulevard. Lined with stores that sell everything from sofas to bedroom suites, it's a furniture shoppers' mecca.

The plan was to cruise through store after store, take notes and measurements, and ultimately formulate our room. Unfortunately, I'm what's

described as an "impulse shopper." I usually want the first thing I see. It was Evan's job to keep me on course.

Of course, we always argue. Furniture shopping only exacerbated it.

We wanted modernistic furniture. I wanted Southwestern style.

I wanted a tiny coffee table. I wanted a big, square one.

He wanted dark wood. I wanted a light hazy stain.

Evan had just one idea: buy as cheaply as possible.

Somehow we managed to agree on a single sofa, "chair and a half" and ottoman set. We were unanimous on the entertainment center. The coffee table dilemma remains unsolved.

With our checkbook significantly lighter after purchasing the pieces, the next question was what would we do with the existing furniture. We sold the coffee and end tables at the yard sale, but that left a sofa, loveseat and entertainment center.

We'd have to get rid of it fast with the new furniture arriving in a few

days. Finally, Evan convinced a flea market shop to take a gander and haul it away. We made a couple hundred bucks in the bargain.

Now we await the big day when the furniture arrives, coinciding with the day this is published. In the meantime, I've started to take a long, hard look at the rest of the house.

That's probably a bad thing, because it could really hurt Evan's wallet.

I'd love a new living room rug, not to mention some bathroom carpeting. Our bedroom could use a new carpet, and Evan's office could use a makeover. The kitchen needs a complete overhaul.

Mom had it right the other day when she offered the most reasonable solution: buy a new house.

Talk about some "big ticket" shopping!

But that's not possible for now. Instead, I will dream of sparkling new furniture and a handsome entertainment center. I will yearn for larger rooms to decorate and gaze at copies of *Architectural Digest* and *Southern Living*.

Hey, Uncle Sam, could you give me an advance on my tax refund for the next few years? You know how fast they go!

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B.J. tunes out TV, tunes in to Real World

I believe that the program directors for the national television networks and others have gone completely off their rockers. Sometimes I can't believe



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

the garbage I see as I am surfing for a good program to watch. Each talk show tries to outdo the other with their obscene, ridiculous stupidity. I'm talking about subjects like "The Teenager who had Sex with his Grandmother" and

"Is Dennis Rodman a Good Lover?"

Who gives a damn whether horseface Rodman is a good lover or not? I can't imagine any self-respecting woman having anything to do with him, except perhaps Madonna, and I don't call her self-respecting. Anyway, he would probably rather wear her clothes.

Other subjects include "Is Michael Jackson a Good Father to His Son?" Michael Jackson with a son makes as much sense as making him a Scoutmaster of a group of Cub Scouts. It makes no sense at all. Then there is the question about Ellen DeGeneres, the star of the television program, "Ellen." Is she gay or not? If she is gay there is not a damned thing I can do about it — and wouldn't it kill could.

Shows like "Jenny Jones," "Sally," "Geraldine Rivers" and a multitude of others do things like get some half-wits who are white and claim to be KKK members and then get a group of half-wit blacks and see how much racial hatred they can stir up. It's insane.

For two years the networks have been obsessed with the Oklahoma City bombing. Now that the trial has started, they are making a circus out of it, the same as they did in the O.J. Simpson case. They already have one of the defendants, Timothy McVeigh, convicted of that bombing (presumption of innocence no longer applies in America). If they show that bombing one more time I may bomb my television set.

The networks have made a big deal out of the death of comedian Pat Paulsen, whose only real claim to fame is that he has been in five presidential races. Any fool can run for president, as past history shows. So what's the big deal?

The networks have milked the JonBenet Ramsey murder case for all it is worth. Now they have all but convicted the parents (again, no presumption of innocence). They may be right, but what if they are wrong? They show updates on the case several times, night and day, and nothing has really changed. So why the overkill?

They have spent millions trying to find out why the Heaven's Gate cult committed suicide. I think I know the answer. They watched too many talk shows on television.

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4-H teaches Beach youths life skills

The Virginia Beach 4-H Program is the youth development component of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Program.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberdorfer

Four-H is a dynamic, non-formal educational program for youth, ages 5 to 19. The program combines the cooperative efforts of youth volunteer leaders, 4-H Extension Staff, Virginia Tech and Virginia State Universities, local, state and federal governments.

Four-H is one of the nation's largest youth development organizations with more than 5 million members. The Virginia Beach Program involves nearly 6,000 members who participate in 4-H clubs, special interest groups, in-school and after-school enrichment programs, 4-H camps and lone members. This program is supported by almost 300 volunteers who assist youth in enriching projects and activities.

Four-H prides itself in teaching "life skills." Young people join 4-H to learn, have fun and be with friends. Through their experiences, they develop self-confidence, social interaction skills, decision-making abilities, citizenship and leadership skills, practical knowledge and physical skills that will help them become able partners and resources in solving community problems.

Through 4-H, every young person has individual gifts, talents, knowledge and skills and meaningful roles to take an impact on society. Four-H makes every opportunity to ensure that young people are more valued and respected for the role they play in the community.

Partnerships are the key to the success of the Virginia Beach 4-H Program. The Virginia Beach 4-H/Guiding Eyes for the Blind Program is one such partnership. It began in 1994 as a result of a vision to be proactive in implementing a community service project involving 4-H and non-4-H families raising a guide dog puppy. Sponsored in conjunction with Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Inc., volunteer Puppy Raisers lay the foundation for further training by investing their time and love to ensure that each future

guide dog will grow in a safe, stimulating environment.

Ultimately, the dog will play a valuable role in improving the quality of life for blind men and women.

Nearly all of the dogs are Labrador Retrievers. The dogs are truly remarkable dogs who have been selectively bred to enhance their traits of self confidence, sincere disposition and willingness to work.

After a year with their families, the dogs are returned to Guiding Eyes for the Blind for evaluation and medical check-ups. Over four months, the dogs begin formal training with professional instructors. Upon successful completion of the training, the dogs are teamed with a blind partner for an additional 26-day residential training with an instructor. It costs \$25,000 to breed, raise and train each of these remarkable dogs.

Potential puppy raisers are required to submit a written application, undergo an in-home interview and evaluation and participate in quarterly puppy evaluations. At present, Virginia Beach has 19 "foster families" who are raising potential guide dogs. GEB Puppy Evaluators meet with raisers every three months to evaluate the pup and discuss its progress with the evaluator.

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The gift of raising a GEB puppy for a blind person cannot be overstated and we cannot thank the many volunteers who support the program enough. There are many volunteer opportunities for individuals or families who are interested in supporting this program. More information about the 4-H program will be continued in next week's column. For more information now about the program, you can call the Virginia Beach 4-H Office at 427-4769.

Joe Hoffberger, 4-H Extension agent, contributed to this column.

Suspects sought in Twin Canal robbery, shooting

A 20-year-old Virginia Beach man was robbed and shot in the Twin Canal section of the city. Crime Solvers is offering a reward for your help.



Crime Solvers

By Detective Michael G. Derwent, Virginia Beach Police Department

On Thursday, April 10 shortly after midnight, a man was attempting to start his car near the intersection of Bowsett Circle and Tug Boat Road. Three men drove by in a late model, white Mazda MPV with 30 days tags and offered to jump start the man's car. Two men got out of the van. One may have walked into the apartments and the other, shot the victim in the chest, and removed his gold necklace. The victim was taken to the hospital and is recovering from his injuries.



Suspect

The gunman is described as black, 23 years old, 5-foot-10-inches tall, 165 pounds, with a light complexion, short black hair, and a slight beard. The other two men were black and in their 20s.

Any information, call Crime Solvers at 427-0000. Rewards of up to \$1,000 are paid in cash and callers do not have to give their names or testify in court.

More than 'odds and ends'

Art and Company, the fundraising arm of the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, will hold Arts and Ends, a yard sale, on Saturday, May 10 from 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the center. All proceeds from the event will go to support the exhibition and education programming at the Contemporary Art Center.

On Saturday, May 3, the center will offer free pick-up of items to be donated to the sale. Suggestions of objects to donate include furniture, artwork, decorative articles, costume jewelry, household and garden

tools, books, baby items, garden accessories, small and large appliances, rugs and carpet, kitchen utensils, dinnerware and toys.

Individuals who would like to donate items can also drop them off at the Contemporary Art Center between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily, May 3-8.

All donations of objects for the yard sale are tax deductible. For more information, call 425-0000. The Contemporary Art Center is located at 2200 Parks Ave. in Virginia Beach, at the westbound entrance to Rt. 44.

Norfolk and Virginia Beach community and business leaders will be "locked up" for "crimes against the heart" during the annual American Heart Association Cardiac Arrest on May 15.

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Up close and personal

David Stockmeier: The extra mile

By VICTORIA HECHT
Sun Editor

David Stockmeier is proof that "going the extra mile" pays off in immeasurable dividends.

A financial advisor with MassMutual in Virginia Beach, the Indian River High School graduate finds his greatest reward helping others.

With volunteerism in mind, Stockmeier is president of United Cerebral Palsy of Southeastern Virginia's Board of Directors, serves on the Chesapeake Fine Arts Commission, is president of the Sigma Nu Alumni Association and has membership in the Rotary Club of Great Bridge. He is also a member of Providence Presbyterian Church, where the 28-year-old directs the Joyful Noise youth choir. He is an executive committee member of Greenbrier Country Club.

Perhaps his most consuming commitment now is UCP of Southeastern Virginia, which will hold its Kentucky Derby-style fundraiser, Run for the Roses, this weekend at Greenbrier Country Club. Stockmeier has taken an interest in cerebral palsy since his Sigma Nu fraternity days at Old Dominion University.

"We did a couple of projects with UCP while I was in school, so it seemed like a natural offshoot that first year after graduation. I kept doing work with them and was asked to sit on the board in 1991. Since then, it's been my chosen charity," he said. Stockmeier was drawn to the organization because it deals with people who might not otherwise get help.

"Cerebral palsy is a misunderstood issue," he explained.

"It was just talking to a guy about our gala event this weekend. His comment to me was relating people with cerebral palsy to people with mental retardation. It's a misunderstood disease. It's a neuromuscular disorder and has nothing to do with intelligence level. It's purely a function of brain patterns that aren't allowing you to use your muscles appropriately. In some cases, that means communication skills are impeded. Unfortunately, there's a misconception in this country that if you slur your words, you're not as intelligent."

Run for the Roses will raise money for United Cerebral Palsy of Southeastern Virginia projects. Among them, Stockmeier anticipates much of the proceeds will help establish an assisted-technology center for families of cerebral palsy patients. Necessities such as wheelchair-mounted communication boards would be available for them to try. Often, they buy such technology through catalogs without benefit of test runs.

"Regular parents have the expenses of shoes and clothing that children grow out of soon. Then you start thinking that you've got a child who's going to grow out of his wheelchair as fast as his clothes. Buying a \$30 outfit is one thing, while buying that new \$2,000 wheelchair every three or four years is another," he continued.

Stockmeier hopes the gala will also bring attention not only to UCP, but the whole issue of people with disabilities.

"They're just like us," he stressed. "We've all got our own problems. But lack of knowledge is the most intimidating thing in the world."

Name: David W. Stockmeier.

What brought you to this area: My father is retired Navy and we moved here in 1979 as his last station.

Hometown: Chesapeake, since I have spent more than half my life here.

Birthdate: July 16, 1968.

Nickname: None.

Occupation: Financial advisor.

Marital Status: Single.

Children: None.

Favorite movies: After seeing and experiencing "Schindler's List" a few years ago, other movies have appeared trivial. I thought it was an incredible movie.



Magazines I read regularly: With the exception of GQ, all the magazines. I subscribe to are professional in nature, dealing with insurance, investment and planning issues.

Favorite authors: Most of my reading is work-related. However, a book of which I am fond is "Illusions: The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah" by Richard Bach.

Favorite night on the town: Serving on the Fine Arts Commission gives me the opportunity to partake of numerous arts functions like the theater, symphony, opera, choral groups and such. A good meal and a show are always enjoyed.

Favorite restaurants: For a good meal I have a pecking order that starts at my mom's kitchen (she is a great cook), then my kitchen (I love to cook). If neither of those are available we will head to Magnolia's in Norfolk.

Favorite meal and beverage: I enjoy virtually any dish — jambalaya, blackened seafood, etoufée — all to be followed by a Coke.

What most people don't know about me: I tend to procrastinate.

Best thing about myself: I will stay with a project from start to finish. It may take longer than anticipated, but I will finish.

Worst habit: Procrastination.

Pets: None.

Ideal vacation: Relaxing on the beach of a tropical island with only a special someone around.

Hobbies: I am an avid sportsman — golf, running, racquetball, biking, softball, in-line skating. When not engaging in those I collect antiques, Coca-Cola memorabilia, sports cards, stamps — kind of an eclectic packrat.

Pet peeves: I find it difficult to deal with people who continually complain about their situation without making an effort to improve it.

First job: I delivered newspapers for the Ledger-Star for five years.

Worst job: Driving pizzas for Domino's.

Favorite sports team: The Los Angeles Dodgers and Dallas Cowboys are my favorite pro teams. After them, I always pick the underdog to rally for.

Favorite musicians: I enjoy Chuck Mangione, Billy Joel and Elton John to name a few. Music is a varied experience and I enjoy many artists.

Most embarrassing moment: My most recent embarrassing moment came as I celebrated my mother's birthday. I took her skydiving. She landed fine. I ended up over a mile away from my landing site, nearly encountered a telephone pole, buzzed a four-lane highway and landed in the parking lot of a convenience store. I then had to stand there, parachute in hand, until someone came to drive me back the airport. I received more than a few looks.

I would like my epitaph to read: "Here lies David Stockmeier — energy spent!"

If I received \$1 million: I would invest to assure that my family was financially taken care of, then proceed to use the rest for philanthropic endeavors.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: Given 10 minutes, I would use the opportunity to thank my parents and my sister, Carole, for the experience and lessons I received coming up. I would also find some way to express goodwill to those watching — there is too much bad on television — so I want folks to see a happy person.

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in the Tidewater region will raise more than \$150,000 for the fifth annual heart attack and stroke.

The 1997 Norfolk/Virginia Beach Cardiac Arrest will be held at Phillips Waterside Restaurant Thursday, May 15 from 5-8 p.m.

Bring your cameras and join the American Heart Association at Phillips Waterside and see outstanding Norfolk and Virginia Beach residents behind bars. Here's your chance to witness Virginia Beach City Treasurer John Atkinson, Eric Warden of 94.9 The Point Radio, Virginia Power's Max Bartholomew, Larry

Mercer of Tidewater Healthcare, Shirley Baldwin of KPMG Peat Marwick and Dr. Gerald Pepe of EVMS wearing stripes!

Your donation will help set them free or, if you think the judge was too lenient, you can donate money to keep them in jail. You can also bring new "criminals" to the judge's attention! Anyone interested in participating in Cardiac Arrest should contact Gary Mulhern at 671-8636. All donations to the American Heart Association are tax-deductible.

The American Heart Association is the largest

voluntary health organization fighting cardiovascular disease, the nation's number one killer.

Money raised at the Norfolk/Virginia Beach Cardiac Arrest will be used locally to finance American Heart Association educational programs in area schools, churches, civic organizations, and businesses, to train emergency workers, and other individuals on CPR techniques, and to support life saving research at local medical facilities.

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THE ARTS

Artists Gallery opens collection

"Spring Fever," a collection of paintings by members of the Artists At Work Cooperative, will be shown at the Artists Gallery, 24th and Pacific Avenue from May 6 through June 3. This collection of new paintings will show the wonders of nature's passage from the dormant winter to the birth and rebirth of spring.

The Artists Gallery is a cooperative effort of 42 local artists providing space for working, showing, demonstrating and selling original fine art. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. This exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information call 425-6671.

Dominion Theatre 'Godspell' auditions

Dominion Theatre announces auditions for its next production, "Godspell," May 8 - 10 at the Founders Inn, 5641 Indian River Rd. Auditions are by appointment only Thursday, May 8, 9 and Friday, May 9 from 7-10 p.m., and Saturday, May 10 from 1-5 p.m.

Paid positions are available for five multi-racial men and five multi-racial women, ages 18-40 who can sing, dance and act. Come prepared to perform a musical piece. An accompanist will be available. "Godspell" is scheduled to run June 27 - Nov. 1. For an appointment or more information, call 366-5809.

Va. Beach UMC celebrates 100th Brahms' anniversary

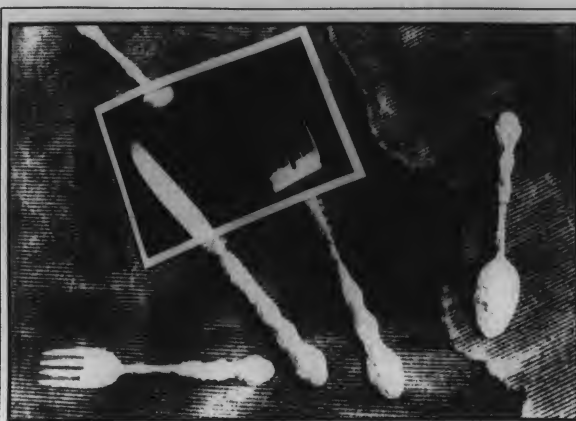
The Music Ministry of Virginia Beach United Methodist Church will host a concert on Wednesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. celebrating the 100th anniversary of Johannes Brahms with the Charles Wesley Choir.

The concert will feature the "German Requiem" presented in its original form with choir, soprano and baritone soloists, accompanied by two pianos and tympani. Soloists are Laura Anne Brooks and Les Wasserman, and the conductor is music director Deborah Carr.

This concert is part of the church's concert series "Walter Music" and is free. A freewill offering will be received. Students are eligible for extra arts credit with the "I Was Here" Card distributed at the concert.

Virginia Beach United Methodist Church is located near the oceanfront at Pacific Avenue and 19th Street and free parking is available for concert-goers. A nursery is available for children.

For additional information, contact the church office at 428-7727 daily.



Courtesy Photos

Student talent is on display

The Tidewater Community College Visual Arts Center's annual Student Art Show is on display through May 11 at the Olde Towne campus. Almost 250 works by students include drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, computer-generated imagery and mixed media. Among the works on exhibit are June Reddix-Stennis' "Knotty Doty Dreadlocks," right, an acrylic on paper, and Rosemarie Trejo's silver gelatin print "Picture Picture." The art can be viewed at 340 High St. in Portsmouth from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily.



'Carmina' is symphony closer

The Virginia Symphony will perform its season finale at its 1996-97 Classical Masterworks Series concert with Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" on May 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. at Norfolk's Chrysler Hall.

Music Director and Conductor JoAnn Palletta will lead the symphony in this performance. The concert will feature the Virginia Symphony Chorus, Donald McCullough, chorus master; Virginia Children's Chorus, Carol Thomas Downing, director; Carolann Page, soprano; Carol Freeman, tenor; and Douglas Webster, baritone.

This concert is sponsored by Phillips Oldsmobile-Mercedes Benz-Land Rover and is presented as part of the Virginia Waterfront International Arts Festival. The media sponsor is WFOG.

The performance will also include two other works. The first piece, Bob Becker's "Music on the Moon," makes its United States premiere. One of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's greatest successes, "Francesca da Rimini," will also be performed. The title "Carmina Burana" means "songs of the 'buena' district" in Bavaria. The 13th-century texts of "Carmina Burana" came from a collection of over 200 poems found at the Benedictine monastery in 1803 and published in 1847. The 24 chosen poems, in their original Latin and Low German,

celebrate the joys of life and love.

Tickets for "Carmina Burana" are \$9 to \$40 and may be purchased by calling TicketMaster at 671-8100 (Southside), the Virginia Symphony Ticket Store located in downtown Norfolk at 550 East Main St., Suite 505, at 623-2310.

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Student filmmakers debut spring flicks

Local film and video fans will have two opportunities this May to catch the latest films and music videos produced by students at The Regent University College of Communication and the Arts.

Student filmmakers will be screening five new films May 7 and 8 at 7 p.m., and May 11 at 1 p.m., at Norfolk's NARO Expanded Cinema in Ghent. Three of the four films were financed by a \$50,000 special grant from television producer Jake Steinfield.

In addition to the festival at the NARO, student-produced music videos and selected video shorts will be shown on the Regent University campus May 9 at 8 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom located in Robertson Hall.

Tim Cooper, film critic for *Portfolio* magazine, gave a thumbs up for a past Regent Film Festival.

"Regent students are very creative," he said. "I'm amazed at the variety of films - drama, action, all ends of the spectrum." The Regent University College of Communications and the Arts, which offers master's and doctoral degrees in cinema, television, theater arts, journalism and communications studies, has succeeded in offering a curriculum of excellence in media education.

The school has also generated an impressive crop of cinema and television professionals among its alumni, including screenwriters for Disney, "The Cosby Show," and "Big Brother Jake"; guest actors on "Homicide," "Matlock" and other prime-time programs; actors in films such as "Nixon"; directors for "Power Rangers" and "Pistol"; editors for productions such as Ian Burns' Civil War; writers and script consultants for CBS's "Touched By An Angel"; and a host of film and television producers and

camera operators.

The NARO screening includes premieres of the following:

■ "Spencer and Venus" - A romantic comedy about love never found, respect never lost and a kindness fully grasped.

■ "Approaching Storms" - A dramatic film where a little boy and his grandfather deal with the past and learn about love and faith.

■ "Love is Blind" - A fast paced, action packed romantic comedy set in New York City.

■ "Yellow Corgie" - A dramatic short about the moment when fear and grieving blossom into hope.

■ "A Little Off The Top" - A dramatic short about two friends, a 1968 haircut and an event that changed the course of history.

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Annual herb sale spawns memories, helps Eastern Shore Chapel projects

By JANE ROWE
Sun Correspondent

Local legend has it that Grace Sherwood, otherwise known as the Witch of Pungo, brought the herb rosemary to Princess Anne County from England to use in her magic spells.

The unfortunate lady, imprisoned on charges of witchcraft, slipped through a keyhole, flew to England in an eggshell, and brought back the fragrant herb which many people use today for cooking or teas.

Whether or not you believe this story, rosemary still grows remarkably well in this area, and it's an excellent seasoning for chicken, according to Ruth Daniel Hunter.

Hunter, an avid gardener, brought a cutting of rosemary from her own backyard to transplant at Eastern Shore Chapel, the Laskin Road Episcopal church she attends. That sprig, which she calls the "mother plant," has produced others that, along with angelica, lemon balm and many other herbs now grow in the church's herb garden.

Hunter, other members of the church and commercial herb grower Linda Xenakis of Linda's Garden will be on hand this Saturday to offer herbs and advice on how to grow them at the church's third annual herb sale.

The sale, which begins at 9 a.m., will be held on church grounds at 2020 Laskin Rd.

The proceeds from the sale will go to refurbish the church parlor, according to Hunter, who added that books, T-shirts and bird feeders will also be available for sale.

Xenakis supplies the herbs for the sale, and right now she's busy selecting a variety of culinary, ornamental and scented herbs to sell Saturday.

Hunter cautions potential herb buyers to get to the sale early because the herbs usually go quickly. The increasing popularity of herb gardening and the success of their own garden encouraged the members of St. Martha's Herb Garden Circle to hold the sale, she said.

She added that a desire to transform "an uncultivated piece of property on the northside of the church" into something beautiful inspired the church members to start St. Martha's Garden, named for the first Christian hostess.

"We got the idea from the early churches," Hunter said. "The medieval churches had medicinal herb gardens. And we named it after St. Martha, the patroness of cooks and housewives and the first Christian hostess, and her symbol is the mortar and pestle." Herbs raised in the garden "are offered to the congregation" when they're harvested.

Hunter and her husband Bob asked the church vestry to dedicate grounds for an herb

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garden in 1991 after they visited the herb gardens at the Heutte Center in Norfolk. The gardeners removed concrete blocks and hauled in mulch and topsoil to make the area suitable for gardening "because it was mess," Bob Hunter said.

"We wanted to enhance this whole area," he continued.

The gardeners also did their homework and consulted local herb experts, including Mrs. M.A. Mattson, whose husband was an Ocean View herbalist and who was had some knowledge about church herb gardens.

Hunter credits church members Kathy Frierson and Barbara Tiliou for being instrumental in organizing the St. Martha's Herb Garden Circle. The first herbs were set out in 1992 and over the years new herbs have been added, some as a memorial to deceased church members.

Angelica, a plant with feathery white blossoms, is now grown in honor of Angela Wyche, who requested that her memorial donations be made to the herb circle. A teak bench was purchased in her memory and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newton bought another teak bench in memory of their son, while Frierson donated the money for a teak table in memory of her husband, William.

The circle members also plan to buy a sundial this year for the garden. Education is one of the group's focal points, and they take field trips to visit other herb gardens, have given lectures, and sell gardening books in the church bookstore. Hunter recommends Southern Herb Growing by Madeline Hill and Gwen Barclay as the best how-to book for local herb gardeners.

Some of the church members also plan to start a native garden, featuring native flowers and herbs this year. Xenakis, who also sells herbs at her Creeds home and at a new shop she'll open this month at Farmer's Market, is also becoming interested in cultivating native plants.

Jack-in-the-pulpit, yellow jasmine and horsemint are all native to this area, but given the right care and soil conditions, Xenakis said. Because most herbs require a well-drained soil the best thing for our area is a raised bed of sand and peat moss about eight inches high. Fish emulsion or dried grass clippings are best for fertilizers, and she strongly discourages Miracle Gro or similar products. "This makes for leggy herbs with no taste," she said.

Xenakis, like the circle members, also notes a growing interest in herbs "because people are doing more cooking now," she said. Many have also become interested in herbs for aesthetic reasons.

"We see a lot of people who are interested in fragrance," she added. "One lady the other day bought \$50 worth of the scented herbs. She said she just wanted things that smelled good because she wanted to be able to sit outside and smell the flowers."

A growing number of people are also turning to herbs to treat everyday aches and pains. Xenakis added. Feverfew is a good treatment for headaches, yellow rilies burns and poison ivy and lemon balm "is very soothing for the throat and used to be used in teas as a treatment for congestion."

Xenakis admits to a partiality for the ornamental and scented herbs. "I like the pineapple sage," she said, "and I always put the scented geraniums up myself. I tell the girls (who work for her) not to touch those because that's my job. They're my favorite."

Thyme, which was chosen herb of the year by the International Herbal Association, will be featured in this year's sale. Other herbs will include a variety of chives, herbs and onions, lavender, curry, sages, lemon and orange-scented plants, angelica, aloe vera bay laurel and other culinary herbs.

While they all produce beautiful plants, rosemary, the witch's mainstay, remains the best grower in Virginia Beach, Hunter said. She loves this herb because it's easy to cultivate and because there's so much lore attached to it.

Aside from the local legends attached to it, "rosemary is also associated with the Blessed Virgin," Hunter said. "She's said to have rested by a rosemary bush with white blossoms. The flowers became blue when she dropped her blue cloak onto the plants."



DIRTY WORK. Bob Hunter helped haul mulch and plant the first herbs in the St. Martha's Herb Garden at Eastern Shore Chapel. The rosemary he is tending was cultivated from Hunter's own garden.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Spring is the time to make your entrance

Now that family and friends won't be tracking snow, ice and mud onto your entry for awhile, it's time to consider redecorating your home's "first impression." Annette Francis, former Executive Editor of *House & Garden*, now Manhattan head of Design Forum Consultants, offers advice on how to decorate foyers and entrance halls.

At one time "hall" was a four-letter word for the small space that introduced people in your home. Any advice about decorating halls also employed four letter words: Words such as "clue" (halls were supposed to give a clue to the personality of a house) and "link" (halls were intended to link rooms that opened off them) and "aura" (color and pattern were most often used to make halls inviting).

Our freed-up feeling about decorating today begins with entrance halls. Liberated from convention, halls have become enchanted places in which to make entrances and exits. More than that, halls can be spaces that are considered rooms in their own right.

It may not be the first place you consider when you are decorating or remodeling, but the entrance hall carries an enormous amount of weight in your home's first impression. The hall is no longer a mere vestibule or passageway, but a prelude to what follows.

Set foot in your entrance hall. How does it feel? Welcoming or disturbing? Consider the warmth and beauty of a solid hardwood floor. It won't fight you or require you to accommodate to the depth of pile or the slick of tile. Moreover, a hardwood floor is easy to maintain and impervious to traffic.

Patterns from random planks to rich parquet and natural variations in finish offer alluring choices for setting the tone of decoration. Wood floors work

well with all colors. You may be conservative and paint the walls of the entrance hall and its arteries a warm "Linen White," letting rooms that open off it become, so to speak, the jewels on the necklace.

Collections of things you or your family like are expressions of personality that can be put forth in a hall on an antique buffet or on built-in shelves.

For those of us who can't afford antiques, much less upkeep on our houses, there is renewed hope in new furniture with a built-in past. These furnishings are made of solid U.S. hardwoods, such as ash, birch, cherry, hickory, maple, oak, and walnut, and carry with them hints of history and romance that seem at home in a tastefully decorated hallway.

Because people will be passing through the hall, as they would a collection in an art gallery or museum this is also a good place for framed mementos and photographs.

With an open house plan that makes no allowance for an entrance hall, you may have to create your own. A free-standing solid hardwood room-divider, once considered avant-garde, can be built to separate living room from entrance without sacrificing easy access. Each side can serve a purpose: Install a TV with VCR on the side facing a seating group in the living room, and on the other side a music system with speaker controls for the entire house.

Music can be most effective amplified from a source in an entrance hall. There is nothing better to put visitors at ease. Once the source is installed, satellite speakers can be tied into other rooms. You might also consider converting a coat closet into a music center with storage

shelves for compact discs and vintage records and tapes. In that case, you will need a stand-in close like a solid hardwood, armor for coats, hats, bags and umbrellas.

Are you missing a library in your home? Why not install solid hardwood shelves in the entrance hall for books the whole family can enjoy? Carpentered bookshelves can be fitted floor-to-ceiling on a major wall (double-depth if you have lots of books to store). Or, you can have bookshelves built in the level of a dado, three to four feet from the floor, with a shelf that holds mail, keys, handbags and wallets.

Ms. Francis suggests calling the Hardwood Helpline — 1-800-373-WOOD — for literature that will help you select and care for hardwood in the entry and other parts of your home.

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Council presents no tax increase budget to schools

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replacement (\$4.6 million); buses and vehicles backlog, \$12 million; city replacement (\$400,000) — \$250,000 was shifted permanently from the city side to the school budget and the \$400,000 which will be placed in a special project fund is a one-time allocation to purchase equipment for general services; pay as you go replacement (\$1.3 million); text book fund (\$1.5 million); and, maintenance backlog reduction (\$1 million).

Block said, "We need to understand that the alternative is an extraordinary, one-year effort to balance the budget without a real estate tax increase or an impact on instruction."

He said that a number of allocations on the instructional side could be investigated.

He listed as caveats in the budget:

The fact that it is a one-year budget, not a multiple-year budget, leaves unanswered longer term continued funding.

The schools are preparing a plan for upgrading technology, which, he said, he assumed would be expensive and that the school board is thinking of a referendum to fund this cost. Even without the new plan, the schools would have to replace what they have.

In reducing appropriations by less than one percent, the impact on classrooms will be minimal. However, it will be up to the school board to accept or reject the option and Block said he could not promise what political reaction the board will take.

A shift in the pay-as-you-go allocation from the capital to the operating budget can be done for the upcoming fiscal year, but "I don't know about afterward." Block said that the city will face a challenge in 1999.

Although \$10.5 million would be left in the budget for payroll parity, the board would have to decide whether to start the increase on Oct. 1 and may also have to decide whether administrators will receive the same increase.

And, Block said, unless the schools go on a spending spree at the end of the year, they will have a \$16.5 million surplus.

Gainsharing, Block said, was taken out and would be spent on textbook funds and pay-as-you-go.

Next year's budget, Block said, will be influenced by the new biennium and a new government,

but there is a concerted effort by the cities all over the state to have the state improve its school allocations significantly.

Councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn said that she had a philosophical difference. The problem is, she said, that the city would be changing its budget practices and wanted to know why the city is doing this year. She said there should be a consistency in how the budget is handled and we're sitting here...putting a band-aid on it this year.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley said that something was missing — "We're doing it piecemeal." She said council was looking only at one budget, but "we don't know how much we're asking for altogether." She said that she knew there would be a two-cent tax increase by 1999.

"We've got to know what the big picture is."

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Henley also said that when she looks over what the salaries for government are — an average \$24,824 and in private industry average \$18,810, she is concerned about the ability of the citizens to pay. She said that the low-paying jobs in the tourist industry have been credited with bringing the average down, and that the city may have to decide where to put their efforts to bring in the higher paying jobs.

Much of the discussion shifted to state aid to education which Block said was increasing but not at the rate of the cost of living. He said that the state's percentage share in the school budget has decreased while the city's share has gone up.

Block said that the state aid based on average daily membership (ADM) is not keeping up with inflation. He said that the city has 2600 employees over and above the number

specified under the state's standards of quality (SOQ).

He said that if the 2600 people were eliminated from the school system, "We would not have a very good school system." The SOQ, he said, are not adequate to provide decent urban and suburban educational systems, and should be called standards of mediocrity.

Vice Mayor William D. Sessoms Jr. said that while no one wants taxes, that "is the direction we're heading."

He suggested that it would be prudent to bring the older school buildings to higher standards. Block said that, "based on what we know," a 7 to 8 cents tax increase will be needed for technology for schools and another 2.3 cents to modernize schools. That's not counting the tax referendum for up to a 7 cents increase requested by the library department earlier.

Block said that so much of the needs represent neglect from the past and that the city should bring some of these things back. He said that he notices holes in the ceiling of the rest room at Princess Anne High School, and has seen 14 pages of detail on other needs.

Sore added that the schools have buses that are over 14 years old.

Block said that some savings could be realized in innovative applications to the technology question.

When Strayhorn asked how much 12.6 cents in the tax rate would generate, the answer was \$25 million, but Sore added that the 12.6 cents "doesn't scratch the surface."

By rights, he said, the city should be renovating three buildings a year. The 12.6 cents is a down payment, he said.

To Strayhorn's question of where the money could be found in the city budget, Block replied the entire Library Department which would provide only \$8 to 9 million; the Fire Department, \$23 million; half of the Police Department, the elimination of Economic Development—\$8 million; and, the Agriculture Department, \$600,000.

"Do we have any gristle, fat?" she asked.

Block said that 500 city positions were cut a few years ago and the city spends less on operations per capita than any other city in Virginia. The average is \$44 against the city's \$25.



Photos by Carole J. Arnold

Trees, please!

Virginia Beach celebrated Arbor Day recently with a ceremony at the Virginia Marine Science Museum. Mayor Meyera Obendorf accepted the National Arbor Day Foundation Award, Tree City USA, from the Virginia Department of Forestry. Students from Birdneck Elementary participated in a related art contest, while the Virginia Beach Beautification Commission donated a live oak tree. The Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs hosted a reception afterward. Master Gardeners sponsored a tree giveaway.



Lot's future still in question

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

The city will operate a parking lot on the 1.03-acre lot at the southeast corner of Atlantic Avenue and Laskin Road this summer, but left its options open for the future.

City council Tuesday granted a use permit to parking systems management/public works to operate a parking lot on the site, but also endorsed a resolution requesting the lot's owner, the Virginia Beach Development Authority to solicit proposals for the development of the property consistent with its location and requiring a successful proposal to

include open space for use by-the-general public.

The Citizens Action Coalition has requested that the city purchase the property for use as a public park.

The resolution, requested by Vice Mayor William D. Sessoms Jr., is broad enough, said Councilman Linwood Branch, to bring back a number of proposals. He said, however, that a parcel next door should be included. The resolution also tells the development authority that the use of the parcel as a parking lot should be temporary and the long-term use will have to be determined by next year.

City Manager James K. Spore said he would work with the authority to see how the property should be developed.

With 345 feet of oceanfront, said Branch, it is a significant parcel of property. He also said that with the construction of the new seawall in front of the property, there should be some coordination between the two projects.

The property will accommodate 120 parking spaces and is included in the parking initiatives proposed by public works. Starship Ice which leased the property has vacated the premises.

Volunteers paint hearts out

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said Wood. "People who can't afford to donate money, but can donate time, or they're skilled and they want to give something back, this is the way."

"This is a way to get in and hammer and paint and see that work effort. It's not like sending off a check and not seeing the end result."

One of the homes, located on Dozier Street near Oceana, needed painting and rescreening on the porch and windows, yard beautification, roof and floor repair and some demolition work.

Jim Clark was one of the CINCLANTFLT staff working on the project.

"It doesn't do anything to me, it does something for someone else," said Clark. "I try to teach my kids they should give something back to the community, so I brought my daughter her today."

As Clark painted one window, his daughter and a friend of hers joined a group of painters on the front porch.

Frank Decker, PYHO project foreman for the Dozier Street house, said the effort is a unique partnership.

"It's one that's particularly worthwhile because it focuses on people that really need the help," said Decker. "It's done not independently, because a lot of times community help efforts aren't consistent, because we're working with the city. The city has already identified these homes as ones that need attention."

In addition to assistance from the city, local sponsors donated breakfast and lunch for volunteers as well as some repair materials.

Before "paint day," as it's called, the project captains for each house went out to survey the extent of work and materials that would be required so volunteers could jump right in upon arrival.

Walter Mack Gay, one of the Virginia Beach project recipients, smiled in amazement as volunteers toiled ladders and hammers across his lawn.

He reflected on a difficult year and lack of adequate finances as he rested on a folding chair in the shade.

"The Lord sent them here, 'cause I wasn't able to pay for this to be done," Gay said. "All these volunteers came in here and did this work, and the Lord's going to bless them — each and every one."

Just a few hours into paint day, he could already see a difference in his home.

"It's a great change of pace here, now," Gay noted. "They put on a fresh coat of paint here this morning. It looks a lot better. I'm so excited about this."

"They helped me out and I'm happy about it. It not only helps me, it helps the city of Virginia Beach look better. They don't need places all broken down and looking bad. This looks good."

Library asks for referendum to fund building, service programs

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the library family learned that the citizens want neighborhood libraries with easy access, a friendly atmosphere, a place where people can gather and spaces for children and parents. Also increased hours—mostly week-end and Sunday when students use the library most; user-friendly technology instruction on the technology, more programs, especially for pre-school, more books and materials.

Some of the projects are being considered in conjunction with school projects. For instance, the Pungo/Blackwater addition may be built in conjunction with the renovation of the Creeds School. For Little Neck, where no site has been identified, there is a potential to colocate with a school.

Ed Shrock, chairman of the Virginia Beach Friends of the Library, said that his organization would raise money for the referendum campaign. He said that citizens, while they gave the library a high rating of 85 percent approval, want more new libraries, more materials, increased hours, more technology access to the internet in all libraries, more staff for more individual service.

He said that the people can no longer wait. Even if the referendum is approved, new facilities will not be open until 2000. The referendum will offer the people the opportunity to be part of the decision making process.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley asked Sims to bring back cost

estimates for each project so that the city could come up with funding plans.

Sims said that green run and Princess Anne are the highest priorities. She added that while year-end balances could be used for construction, they could not cover services increases.

Councilwoman Nancy Parker referred to the lack of transportation for some children and asked whether the libraries would be put in neighborhoods for easier access.

Sims said that transportation is a major issue and that part of the rationale for locating libraries in neighborhoods is to allow for bike traffic as in the Green Run site which also is the site of the Boys and Girls Club. She said the library department was looking at some sort of transportation from the recreation centers to libraries. She said that 1.8 million people visited the library last year.

Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. suggested that the department look into some private/public partnership for some funding as an alternate to keeping tax increases to a minimum. In Corporate Landing, for instance, he said, a developer could build a library and lease it to the city. He pointed out that a 16,000 square foot building has alternate uses that would be attractive to a developer. He said that libraries have a draw. He suggested that the library department come up with a prototype architectural plan and go out for RFPs (requests for proposals).

Councilwoman Reba McClanahan pointed out that the council committed itself in 1992 to the Green run and Princess

Anne communities and the people there are responsible for the purchase of that land. The projects there are long overdue, she said. She said that some of the services offered by the libraries are business-directed and that some effort might be made in charging fees—but not for children.

Councilman Harold Heischberger commented that a 7-cent tax would translate into \$13.5 million and asked for a break-down in how the money would be spent.

Some discussion covered possible cooperation between school and public libraries. In a side remark, Sims said that 5 percent of the total borrowers are from Norfolk — 13,000. An analysis was done of the Chesapeake Library System which revealed that more Virginia Beach residents have Chesapeake library cards than vice versa, especially in the Kempsville corridor.

City manager James K. Spore said that the library would like a response from council by mid-June.

Part of the package which addresses enhanced services includes Sunday hours in all area libraries; separate areas for children's collections and children's programming; quiet space and places where individuals can interact to help each other with resources and materials; space for individual electronic work stations; homework centers; expanded collections; increased programming; after-school activity centers; and meeting room space for community groups, programs and forums.



Photo by M.J. Knaprock

TEAMWORK. No single person could handle the painting and repairs required on the Virginia Beach homes picked for the inaugural Paint Your Heart Out. Crews arrived early Saturday to get to work.

Historians gather to commemorate landing

By BOB RUESEGGER
Sun Correspondent

On April 26, 1607, the three ships bearing the English adventurers who were to found the Jamestown settlement entered the "Bay of Chesapeake" and landed on a point of land that they named Cape Henry in honor of King James' eldest son.

This first landing was the first step in establishing a permanent English presence in the New World.

This annual commemoration of the first landing by The Order of Cape Henry 1607 began last weekend with a luncheon for members and guests at the Fort Story Club. Featured speaker was Alf J. Mapp Jr., a local historian and author of "The Virginia Experiment," "Thomas Jefferson: A Strange Case of Mistaken Identity," and "Frock Coats and Epaullets."

Mapp's humorous comments accentuated some common misconceptions about the founding of the Virginia colony and those who helped settle it.

From the Fort Story Club the focal point shifted to the post chapel at Fort Story where an Episcopal religious service similar in part to the Anglican observance offered by

clergyman Robert Hunt on April 29, 1607 was officiated by the Rev. Mr. David F. Lassalle who is the Episcopal chaplain at Old Dominion University.

Royal Navy Captain A.L.H. Tony Clark from the staff of the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic (SACLANT) was the guest speaker at the service held at the post chapel. In his remarks, Captain Clark emphasized the bonds that link Britain to America and the continuing need to maintain that supportive alliance.

Generally, the "Celebration of the Cross" ceremonies are held at the Cape Henry Shrine. This year, however, the commemorative activities were held in the chapel because of adverse weather conditions.

At the conclusion of the this year's observances, Roy Allan Dudley who is president of The Order of Cape Henry and Caroline Gordon, who is national chairman of the Cape Henry Commemoration for the Daughters of the American Colonists, made certain that the commemorative floral wreaths that were offered at the post chapel were transported to the Cape Henry Shrine where they are traditionally presented.

Selfless Social Services volunteers lauded

Years of dedication
earn recognition

By MARGARET WINDLEY
Sun Correspondent

The setting was appropriate. At a church recognizing Saint Nicholas, better known as Jolly Old St. Nick, volunteers for the Virginia Beach Department of Social Services were treated to a luncheon and some well-deserved recognitions for their years of selfless giving.

The event, emceed by award-winning WCMS disc jockey Joe Hoppel, gave the opportunity to thank the approximately 250 individuals and 70 Virginia Beach congregations who this year have provided on a voluntary basis such needed services as respite care for the abused, getting children into foster care, assisting the homeless, mentoring, running fundraisers for special projects of the department, managing the food pantry and clothes closet, helping with emergency food requests and bringing holiday toys and food.

Many of the unpaid workers have also worked as volunteer teachers' aides, volunteer policepersons, volunteer social workers, volunteer rescue squadspole, and volunteers who work with addicts.

In all, these caring individuals have given 34,998 hours of their personal time equaling about \$200,000 worth of time this year.

One more fact should be noted. None of them are "superhumans," but everyday people with an abundance of energy and love with the desire to touch other people's lives for the better.

Although the department has only been recruiting volunteers and keeping records of their work for the past 15 years, there are those like Marie Bosnich who have been giving for more years than that.

Bosnich has been active in her work with the department's clothes closet for about 15 years. But before that she was involved for an uncounted number of years with the department's food pantry through her church, Church of the Ascension Catholic Church.

She now works in a variety of ways at the clothes closet, asking the needy individuals what they



WELL SPOKEN. Joe Hoppel, WCMS' popular morning announcer and also a volunteer, was honored by the Virginia Beach Department of Social Services. The department's Misty Lee makes the presentation.

need for their families, stocking the shelves and putting items away from the Salvation Army.

Her inspiration has been a desire to help others. "Our church has a time once a year where they ask people to do anything as a volunteer," said Bosnich. She put her name down many years ago and has been doing it ever since.

"Once people came in without shoes," Bosnich recalled modestly. "I was able to help them."

Another volunteer, Carole Lewis, received special recognition for her 11 years of working in the clothes closet. She will soon be moving to Utah to join her son and ten of her 12 grandchildren.

Frank Marcucci, a family center unit social worker, noted that "volunteer work at the department has been known to lead to jobs in social work or related fields. He recently wrote a reference for one of the volunteers who had helped in his unit."

Judi Wilkinson, one of his former volunteer social workers, already had her degree when she began her volunteer work a few years ago and planned to use it to lead into a full-time job as a social worker.

"There was a freeze on hiring,"



GOOD JOB. Marie Bosnich, a long-time volunteer for Virginia Beach Social Services, was presented a certificate for her work by WCMS announcer Joe Hoppel during an awards ceremony last week.

she said. Her service did not end in a job, however. Complications in a pregnancy made her quit, and she is now a homemaker with small children. After they become old enough to start school, she plans to return to her volunteer work. It was, she recalled, a positive

experience in which she was able to see the direct outcome of help she had provided in several cases. "It killed me to have to leave the kids," she recalled.

MUSIC at the luncheon was presented by the Governor's School of the Arts Jazz Ensemble.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clubs

The Retired Officers' Wives Society of Tidewater will hold its May luncheon at Grand Affairs in Virginia Beach on Thursday, May 8. The social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. The price is \$12. Newly elected officers will be installed, and the Tidewater Collection will be on display. For reservations, call Patty Leon at 499-5016 or Janet Gwainey at 716-2441. The deadline for reservations or cancellations is Friday, May 2 at 5 p.m.

Princess Anne Business and Professional Woman's Club of Virginia Beach will meet on Monday, May 12 at the Holiday Inn Surfside, 26th and Atlantic Avenue, at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be Carol Wilson from the M.E. Cox Center. For reservations, call 499-0271.

Mother's Against Drunk (MADD) Southside Community Action Team will meet Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Virginia Beach Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.

Princess Anne AARP Chapter 5119 meets at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 13 at the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Pkwy. Wayne Jones will demonstrate how to make flower arrangements and provide other home decorating ideas to brighten up your life. Visitors are welcome. Prior to the meeting at 12:30 p.m., the Virginia Beach Health Department will provide free blood pressure tests. Call 426-7286 or 468-3814 for information.

Education

Ocean Lakes Elementary School is searching for a former student who is now a graduating senior from Ocean Lakes High School to win a scholarship. Anyone student wanting more information should call 721-4000 or write to 1616 Upton Drive, Virginia Beach, VA, 23454.

Health

Virginia Beach General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Center will hold a Sleep Disorders Support Group on Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. in the Clinical Support Office on 2 North. The Sleep Disorders Center at VBGH is accredited by the American Sleep Disorders Association. The support group, AWAKE, provides support and education to families and individuals members of the community on causes and treatments of sleep disorders. AWAKE (Alert, Well and Keeping Energetic) is part of a

national organization and is the first of its kind in the Virginia Beach area. These free meetings are held monthly. Registration is not required. For more information, call 481-8507.

Virginia Beach General Hospital is offering a Prenatal Education Series starting on Monday, May 5 to July 28 from 7-9 p.m. in the Virginia Beach General Hospital Health Education Center. The program is 16 weeks long and is designed to educate couples who are in their early stage of pregnancy through their last trimester. The series contains classes focusing on early pregnancy care, prepared childbirth instructions, postpartum care and also instruction in newborn care, infant/child CPR with a tour of the Virginia Beach General Birthing Center. For more information and to register, call the AtHome Care Maternal/Child Program at 427-0309.

Beach native picked for Phi Beta Kappa at UNC-Greensboro

Kristen Suzann Leagan of Virginia Beach is among 39 students who have been elected to membership in the Epsilon chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Leagan is majoring in media studies at UNC. She is a university marshal and a member of the Golden



Leagan

Chain campus honor society. She has made the Dean's list during each year at UNC. Leagan has received Senior Tutor's Awards in 1996-97 and has been an

undergraduate research assistant for two years. Leagan is in the National Residence Hall honor society. She is the daughter of Gary C. and Mary S. Leagan of 5477 Hargrove Boulevard, Virginia Beach.

The students were elected to Phi Beta Kappa on the basis of their academic achievements in the liberal arts and sciences during their undergraduate years at UNC. The speaker for the induction ceremony was art historian Dr. Annemarie Weyl Carr of Southern Methodist University.

Phi Beta Kapp is the oldest and most prestigious academic honorary society in the United States. It was established in 1776 at the College of William and Mary and there are only 249 chapters nationally.

By SANDRA J. BARKER
Sun Correspondent

"You get a lot more than what you give."

Debbie Rooney's words were echoed by many of the volunteers who worked with the mentally-challenged in Area 2 Special Olympics last weekend.

Nearly 100 volunteers worked as timers, scorers, buddies, coaches and concession workers. Rooney, a teacher at Plaza Middle School in Virginia Beach and events director for the tournament, said, "We couldn't do it without the volunteers."

Athletes from Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach competed in the games held at Western Branch High School in Chesapeake. The three-day tournament featured 125

athletes competing in track, field and tennis at Western Branch on Saturday and 50 swimmers competing on Sunday at the Mt. Trashmore YMCA.

Another 120 athletes will participate in a bowling tournament at Lynnhaven Pinboys on May 3.

The athletes were excited as they gathered on the bleachers for opening ceremonies.

Mark Ayers, an 18-year-old from Wilson High School, munched happily on a doughnut. He and seven other teammates from Wilson would be competing in events throughout the day.

Their coach, Penny Rucker, said, "It's hard, but it's great for the kids." "I love it most of the time. The kids are great."

After a Navy color guard presented the American flag and the Navy flag, volunteer Herb Gilbert offered a special prayer for the Special Olympics, saying, "Dear God, make every athlete a winner. Let them rejoice in their medals and wear ribbons with pride. They have so little and give so much. Honor them with your presence today, and when this day is over, send them home with precious memories."

During the opening ceremonies,



Photo by Sandra Barker

AND THEY'RE OFF! The one-mile race gets under way as Hampton Roads' special athletes run for the gold at Western Branch High School.

a check for \$21,118 was presented to Area 2 Special Olympics by Andrew DiMaggio and Dave Fox.

In early April, the two men organized the Bayou Palooza, a fund-raising event held at the Pavilion Towers Hotel in Virginia Beach. The two-day affair featured 63 local bands and skydivers, all performing free. Fox's daughter, Dana, a Special Olympian, helped her father make the presentation.

A second check for \$2,500 was presented by Donnie Love, plant superintendent for Cargill Inc., event sponsor. Located on Barnes Road in Chesapeake, Cargill buys grain from local farmers, processes it into soybean oil and meal, and ships it out for domestic and foreign sales. The donation is one of the company's ways of giving back something to the community.

Katy Lang, chairperson for Area 2 Special Olympics, has worked with the mentally-challenged for 10 years.

"Things are going well. The sun is shining. Our athletes are filled with enthusiasm. We're all excited."

When Lang was asked what made her begin working with the mentally challenged, she said, "I found out this was a great place to be. Great people, lots of fun, and it's been like a second family to me. The athletes, parents, other coaches are wonderful people."

After the opening ceremonies, athletes emptied out of the stands and gathered on the field for warm-up exercises. Jeanette Skinner, who has worked as a volunteer aerobics instructor for the handicapped for four years, led the group in lively stretches and jumps.

After the workout, she said, "I love working with them. You have fun, because they're having so much fun."

One of the highlights for the athletes was a free limousine ride around the neighborhood. A long, sleek black limousine, complete with tinted windows and professional driver, was donated by LPR Limousine, located near the Norfolk Airport. One young woman was all smiles as she exited the car, saying, "We waved at everybody."

The weekend's events

progressed very well, and as Rooney said, "We like to say that everybody's a winner."

One example of that motto was the one-mile run on Saturday. Four young men from the Virginia Beach team sprinted from the starting line, very quickly spread out as they circled the track four times. Joey Layton and Darryl McCain crossed the finish line together, a full two laps ahead of Joe Myers.

As Joe, a 35-year-old man with Down Syndrome, continued running alone, the crowd cheered, "Come on, Joe!"

Joe smiled widely and kept on running. The fact that he came in last made no difference. He was a winner.

Bob Miller, vice president of Area 2 and president of the Virginia Beach team, said, "Joe is courageous. He has the heart of a lion. He just keeps going."

After Area 2, the next level of competition will take place at the University of Richmond, June 6-8.

"We are taking about 100 kids to the state games from all the events," Rooney said.

Double amputee inspires area residents at regional disabilities symposium

By MARGARET WINDLEY
Sun Correspondent

Tough times make us stronger, even as obstacles are there to be overcome. There is much to learn from life's heroes such as Retired Army Sgt. Dana Bowman.

The Army's first double amputee to re-enlist, Bowman was in Virginia Beach last week to speak at the Greater Hampton Roads Regional Symposium and Exposition for Persons with Disabilities.

Held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion, it was hosted by the Mayors' Committees/Commissions of Greater Hampton Roads and the Peninsula Disability Service Board.

Bowman's love of skydiving, an ability which he honed while in the Army, is responsible for his disability. Yet he walks quickly on his two prosthetic legs and continues to skydive.

Although he has needed prosthetic limbs since February 1994 after an accident during a difficult skydiving maneuver, Bowman was back up within a short time with the help of the doctors and a positive attitude. He was even able to skydive into his re-enlistment ceremony about nine months later.

Currently attending the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks and seeking a degree in commercial aviation, nature has seen fit to add the fine art of the sandbag to his educational career. The college let out early this semester because of rising riverwaters, and Bowman has been loading and lifting sandbags for the last two weeks to protect against the rising river.

"The snow finally melted," he sighed, "and now it's water. I have seen so many sandbags. It's been wild."

Very few people have had his educational experiences.

Bowman said that the Army has spent a lot of time and energy on his education sending him to Combat Diver School, Special Forces Qualification Course, Sniper School, High Altitude low opening military free-fall course, and Ranger School.

College has been very demanding, but he is accepting it as another challenge.

"Everyone said there's no way the army will let him get back in a helicopter," he laughed. Now he solos any time he wants.

Bowman explained that he only lost two legs — not his brain. He has made about 150 speeches in the last 18 months. Those that he makes for children are free.

Carol Bowen, president of Mobility on Wheels, enjoyed his speech, but added with a shy grin



STILL AT IT. Even though Dana Bowman lost both his leg after a skydiving accident, he still has a zest for life and the sport. Bowman shared his story at last week's disabilities symposium.

that Bowman did not answer the most important question in the course of it.

"Every lady here would like to know if you are married," she quipped.

Bowman to her is a reminder of the importance of her mission.

Not everybody with a disability can get around as easily as Bowman can. She and members of her organization act as an advocacy group for better technology and transportation and for more rights such as more handicapped parking signs.

"We aggravate and agitate to get the senators to legislate," she smiled. "You can't discriminate." Yet she admitted that the organization steers away from confrontational politics and uses a gentle sense of humor. "There are no pity parties," she said.

A display at the Mobility on Wheels booth had been getting attention during the symposium's two days. Featuring a legless GI Joe in a wheelchair, a blind Ken doll with a white cane, a Barbie with a walker, and a little boy doll coming down a ramp in a wheelchair, she had put it together to remind people of the reality of physical disabilities.

"It affects even children," she said. "Even if you have a disability it's your ability that counts."

The two-day symposium included a job fair, the special guest speaker Bowman, and other speakers who presented information about alternatives to college, getting drivers' licenses, paying for assistive devices, abuse of handicapped tags, and the PASS Plan by which handicapped people can set aside certain moneys under Social Security laws for special needs such as specially modified equipment.

Fundango serves up fabulous fete for Beach families

By PENNY A. POWELL
Sun Correspondent

While most children traveled by car to last weekend's Kids Fundango Festival, event puppet host Simon, came by skateboard — well, at least during his performance in "Knock, Knock... Who's There?"

Simon is the spokesman puppet who at the end of the festival reiterated one of the main reasons why the Fundango Festival is held: to provide the Hampton Roads community with child abuse prevention education in a fun way.

"This whole festival is about raising funds and awareness for the Children's Performance Workshops (CPW)," said Regina Marscheider, owner of Spectrum Puppets and CPW.

Recognizing and reporting sexual abuse was the issue addressed during the festival's final segment, the Emmy Award-winning "Knock, Knock..." Simon, representing his puppet cast members' innocence informed them if they had done something right or wrong.

When one adult character made a strong attempt to take

Malcolm, a child character, away with her, Malcolm refused to go with the stranger because she did not know his family's secret password.

When the stranger eventually gave up trying to persuade Malcolm to go with her, Simon suddenly appeared on his skateboard and praised Malcolm for doing the right thing. This was one of the many important messages relayed to numerous attentive children who eagerly looked on.

Simon made his performance introduction through an upbeat song and dance, and it was immediately evident why the kids love him — he's just so cool, and has excellent morals, too, so he's also a big hit with adults as well.

When Simon first rolled out on stage, one police officer in the audience excitedly pointed and said to his co-worker, "That's Simon right there."

But Simon was only part of the festival's fun.

The family-oriented musical group Parachute Express and the Canadian entertainer/puppeteer/actor Norman Foote gave



GET THE MESSAGE. Regina Marscheider, above, founder of Spectrum Puppets, drove home child abuse awareness while youngsters enjoyed miniature car rides.



FAMILY FUN! There were hundreds of happy faces enjoying Saturday's events at the annual Fundango Festival, which even offered practice baby-diapering for future moms.

Simon some competition, not to mention the battery operated cars which children could really drive all by themselves, the life-sized dolls which little girls could really diaper and dress, and the microphones that kids could use to make their singing debuts.

Don Roberts from WAVY-TV even gave Simon some competition during his rap version of popular children's stories. The anchorman and his musical backup troupe, a group of children, beat and shook instruments as they danced their way to the Spectrum Puppets stage from the Little Big Band stage which had been set up for children to beat drums and other instruments all day long.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf read a proclamation declaring April 26 Simon's Kids' Fundango Day.

"The festival is a celebration of healthy families, but it's also a reminder that Regina has created a show called 'Knock, Knock... Who's There?' for those children who are not treated as well or who maybe sexually abused — that there is help for them," she said.

Celebrating family is exactly what one family, the Russells, was doing at the event, as well as taking advantage of the free finger printing services for their toddler.

Mom Kim, dad Bill and sons — 3-year-old William, and 2-month-old Johnathan — had a lot to celebrate.

The newest addition to the Russell family was recovering from cancer, and the Fundango Festival was the first opportunity for the Russells to escape all of the recent medical needs for their infant.

"This is our first family outing," said Kim.

Just as little William was immersing himself in a heap of fun, so were many others. Megan Sterling, 5, and Kari Brazeau, 7, did a karaoke performance to "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star."

"The festival is really neat. It's very kid-oriented, but yet has lots of useful information," proclaimed Megan's mother, Katie. Nine-year-old Kelli Brown was seen at the Pride in Parenting booth pampering a doll with so much skill that the representative there leaned over the counter to her and said, "You've done this

before haven't you?"

Kelli looked up as she neared competition of her "motherly" duties, and replied, "Yes."

"Do you have a baby brother or sister," someone interjected.

"No, I have dolls at home," said Kelli.

Joyce Beaman, Kelli's grandmother, gazed at her granddaughter with such pride as if to say, "Someday my granddaughter's going to make such a responsible mother."

Beaman had taken a break from manning the Optimist Club of Bayside booth to enjoy some of the activities with her granddaughter.

The Optimist Club, which provides services to community youth, is a major sponsor of the child abuse prevention puppet show featured at the festival. There were numerous other resource booths set up in Oceana's Hanger 122, so the public was definitely not at a loss for resources and materials to aid them with appropriate parenting skills.

The title sponsor for the event was the IOF Foresters, a family fraternal benefit society. Alex Watson, IOF's district sales manager, said he thought that festival was "fantastic," — better yet, — "fantabulous."

"The whole thing that we're doing is for the benefit of Child Abuse Prevention, and Regina, through her program has created a rather unique and novel idea for getting the message out there to the children that if they have been sexually molested or touched in a place that they feel uncomfortable, then it's OK to tell," Watson said.

In its three years, the Fundango Festival has already won the hearts of the community, and Bill Windsor, a Navy senior chief who will probably be one of the many residents to return for more fun next year.

"I've just been really impressed at the amount of effort and manpower — and seeing the Mayor out here, and the Commander of the Base. Everyone has put so much effort into children — and the fun that they're having — and the fact that it's a very inexpensive thing to attend and very worthwhile. I appreciate it."

Facelift to entice more trolley riders

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

When you see individuals dressed in beige shorts and electric blue-green shirts at the resort this summer, think trolley.

When you see special logos, decals, signs or other identifying appurtenances, think trolley.

When you see those lanes on either side of Atlantic Avenue, you will see — not bike riders, not wayward vehicles — only trolleys.

The idea, said Dale Castellow, transportation planner in the planning department, said that the city wants people to think trolley and ride trolley and maybe get some of that excess traffic off the streets.

The city is setting up a pilot program this summer — it starts in a few weeks — to make trolley riding more attractive, more visible and more convenient. The pilot program will cost the city \$60,000, a bare minimum, which Castellow said is available from TCIF (Tourism Grant investment Fund) funds. More permanent signs, pavement markers and the like will cost \$140,000 a season.

The pilot program will test the first phase of the recommendations made by BRW, Inc. of Orlando, Fla. on resort area transit.

First stage efforts center on

making the service more convenient and more visible. Mayor Meyera Oberndorf added to that reliable.

While the planners want the trolley lanes restricted to trolleys, some research is under way to determine whether an ordinance is needed to make the restriction legal.

Recommended visibility enhancement — a logo which will appear at appropriate places and on trolleys to direct tourists, customer service training, incentives for customer service, which includes a higher operator wage rate of \$8.40 an hour tokens and customer service training.

The police, who had questioned using the lanes for trolleys, lanes which the police have traditionally used to pull over cars, find that it may be possible to relocate staging areas to cross streets, Castellow said.

The total capital cost of phase I is \$48,585; the operating cost is \$296,040. The city is responsible for 10 percent of the total \$381,825 cost with Tidewater Regional Transit and fares paying for the rest.

L.A. Kimball, executive director of TRT, said that operators in other parts of the city are paid \$7.75 an hour, but the resort operators will receive no benefits, will be limited to six hours of work a day.

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that at the meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to be held on the 27th day of May, 1997, at 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall of the City of Virginia Beach, Princess Anne Station, the undersigned will petition the Council for the appointment of Viewers to view the below-described portion of those certain streets and report to the City Council whether in the opinion of the Viewers, what, if any, inconvenience would result from the vacating, closing and discontinuance of same, the said portion of said streets being described as follows:

PINE STREET: A portion of a Right of Way known as Pine Street, beginning at a point which is the northeastern intersection of Pine Street and Fourth Street and running thence south 504°22'17"W a distance of 457.03 feet to the intersection of South Boulevard, and thence right of Way being 66.06 feet in width.

POPLAR STREET: A portion of a Right of Way known as Poplar Street, beginning at a point which is the Northwestern intersection of Poplar Street and Fourth Street and running thence south 504°22'17"W a distance of 456.99 feet to the intersection of South Boulevard, said Right of Way being 66.06 feet in width.

All of which aforesaid streets are shown on a certain Plat entitled "PLAT SHOWING A PORTION OF PINE STREET AND POPLAR STREET TO BE CLOSED, LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH - VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, April 28, 1997", which plat is attached hereto as Exhibit A-1.

At that time, anyone affected may appear and present his views.

After the report of the Viewers is received, at the next regular meeting of the City Council, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be placed on the agenda, the undersigned will petition the City Council to vacate, close and discontinue those portions of the aforesaid streets in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, described above.

WM. DAVID TIMBERLAKE
Of Council

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 14, 1997 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE. AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

1. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for William Cairns and Donald Monson. Property is located at 3022 New Bridge Road. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

2. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Steven S. Clymer. Property is located on the north side of Winston-Salem Avenue, 105 feet east of Rudee Avenue. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:
3. An Ordinance upon Application of Widener Homes Ltd., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Single Family District to A-12 Apartment District on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: located on the north side of Wickhuck Ct., beginning at a point 280 feet more or less west of Wickhuck Road.

Parcel 2: located 1200 feet west of Wickhuck Road, beginning at a point 580 feet more or less northwest of the western terminus of Wickhuck Court.

The proposed zoning classification change to A-12 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of Parcel 1 for public/institutional/government use in accordance with other Plan policies and Parcel 2 is recommended for low density residential land use at a density no greater than 3 to 3.5 dwelling units per acre in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels are located at 527 N. Wickhuck Road and contain 2.2 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Allsafe Self Storage LLC for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the south side of Baxter Road, 812 feet east of Princess Anne Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 4855-4867 Baxter Road and contains 3.2407 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
5. An Ordinance upon Application of Allsafe Self Storage LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for mini-warehouses on the south side of Baxter Road, 812 feet east of Princess Anne Road. Said parcel is located at 4855-4867 Baxter Road and contains 3.2407 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

6. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for Changes of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District, B-2 Community Business District, R-10 Residential District, P-1 Preservation District and H-1 Hotel District to AG-1 Agricultural District on certain property located 2,000 feet more or less southeast of the intersection of Princess Anne Road and Dan Neck Roads. The proposed zoning classification change to AG-1 is for agricultural land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for agricultural use in accordance with Plan policies regarding Transitional Area 1. Said parcels contain 1,112 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
7. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature (golf course, clubhouse and associated facilities) on certain property located 2500 feet more or less southwest of the intersection of Princess Anne Road and Judicial Boulevard. Said parcel contains 310 Acres more or less. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

8. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature (multi-purpose stadium & associated facilities) on certain property located 2000 feet southeast of the intersection of Princess Anne and Dan Neck

Road. Said parcel contains 153 acres more or less. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of William Moffat for a Conditional Use Permit for a borrow pit (farm pond) on certain property located 2850 feet more or less north of the intersection of London Bridge Road and Strawberry Road. Said parcel is located at 2287 London Bridge Road and contains 5.472 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of First Filipino Baptist Church Trustees for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion (parking) on the south side of Holland Road, west of Monet Drive. Said parcel is located at 2969 Holland Road and contains 2.214 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

11. An Ordinance upon Application of First Lynnhaven Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located northwest of the intersection of Princess Anne Road and Courthouse Loop. Said parcel is located at 2641 Princess Anne Road and contains 19.682 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Les Modlin, DRWC Raceway, for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature on certain property located on the north side of Norfolk & Southern Railroad R/W, 528.82 feet east of S. Great Neck Road. Said parcel contains 10,890 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of Wireless PCS, Inc. Agent for AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole communication tower on the north side of Mill Dam Road, east of Great Neck Road. Said parcel is located at 1552 Mill Dam Road and contains 42,688.8 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Beach Ford for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and service at the southeast corner of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Foundry Lane. Said parcel is located at 2717 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 11.69 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

15. An Ordinance upon Application of Jamie & Joseph Nicolato for a Conditional Use Permit for boarding houses and a training facility on the south side of Gum Bridge Road, 1445 feet west of Muddy Creek Road. Said parcel is located at 1501 Gum Bridge Road and contains 19.48 acres. PUNGO BOROUGH.

16. An Ordinance upon Application of PrimeCo Personal Communications, L.P., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole communication tower on the west side of Sandbridge Road, northeast of Colechester Road. Property is bounded on the east by Sandbridge Road and on the west by Hells Point Creek. Said parcel contains 73.8 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

STREET CLOSURE:

17. Application of LifeNet, d/b/a LifeNet Transplant Services, for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Baker Road beginning at the southwest corner of Baker Road and Ward Court and running in a southerly direction a distance of 375.63 feet. Said property contains 5294.4 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

AMENDMENT:
18. Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Section 1521 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to drive-through facilities in the RT-3 Resort Tourist District.

REFERRED BACK TO PLANNING COMMISSION BY CITY COUNCIL:

19. An Ordinance upon Application of Joseph Overholt, Trustee Overholt Trust for a Conditional Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southwest corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Salem Road. The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban medium density residential use at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 15 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

REFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 2/12/97:

20. An Ordinance upon Application

of F. Wayne McLeskey, Jr., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from RT-1 Resort Tourist District to RT-3 Resort Tourist District at the southwest intersection of Winston Salem Avenue and Pacific Avenue. The proposed zoning classification change to RT-3 is for resort tourist land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for resort activity center use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 100 Winston Salem Avenue and contains 1,904.8 acres. VIRGINIA BEACH BOROUGH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 4/9/97:

21. Application of Mark R. Lichtenstein for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Synzor Street beginning at the southern boundary of 55th Street and running in a southerly direction a distance of 105.10 feet along the eastern boundary of Synzor Street. Said parcel is variable in width and contains 4,102 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

22. An Ordinance upon Application of Richard S. Proffitt for a Conditional Use Permit for a car wash in conjunction with an existing gasoline station at the southwest corner of Independence Boulevard and N. Wickhuck Road. Said parcel is located at 773 Independence Boulevard and contains 2,823.56 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

23. An Ordinance upon Application of Wireless PCS, Inc., agent for AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole tower on the south side of Newtown Road, 220 feet east of Cleeve Abbey. Said parcel is located at 952 Newtown Road and contains 76.133 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

24. An Ordinance upon Application of McGinnis Realty & Development Company for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural Districts to Conditional R-20 Residential District on certain property located on the west side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 1060 feet more or less south of Elson Green Avenue. The proposed zoning classification change to conditional R-20 is for single family residential land use at a density no greater than 1.7 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for rural compatible development, agriculture, public recreational facilities and public land banking opportunities. Said parcel contains 57.94 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

25. An Ordinance upon Application of McGinnis Realty & Development Company for a Conditional Use Permit for an open space promotion development option on certain property located on the west side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 1060 feet more or less south of Elson Green Avenue. Said parcel contains 57.94 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

26. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance. Subdivision for Miles B. Leon. Property is located on Watersedge Road on Parcel 7, Parkway Manor. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

REFERRED BACK TO PLANNING COMMISSION BY CITY COUNCIL ON 4/8/97:

27. An Ordinance upon Application of Paul D. Rowan for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-1 Neighborhood Business District on 4.58 acres more or less on the west side of S. Birdneck Road, beginning at a point 840 feet north of Bells Road, and from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional AG-1 Agricultural District on 5.01 acres more or less located 340 feet west of Birdneck Road and 840 feet north of Bells Road. The

proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1 is for an animal hospital. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for industrial use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said property contains a total of 9.59 acres more or less. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

28. An Ordinance upon Application of Paul D. Rowan for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional I-1 Light Industrial District on the west side of Birdneck Road, beginning at a point 1175 feet more or less north of Bells Road. The proposed Conditional I-1 zoning classification is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for industrial use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said property contains 7.28 acres more or less. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

29. An Ordinance upon Application of Paul D. Rowan for a Conditional Use Permit for an animal hospital on certain property located on the west side of S. Birdneck Road, 840 feet north of Bells Road. Said parcel contains 9.59 acres more or less. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott
Planning Director
If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call: TDD only at 427-4305. (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

Virginia:
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, May 13, 1997 at 2:30 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:
PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Cowan Construction & Design Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-12 Apartment District to R-5S Residential Single Family District at the southeast corner of Alabama Avenue & Garfield Avenue on Lous I through 9, Block 8, Pecan Gardens. The proposed zoning classification change to R-5S is for single family land use on lots no less than 5,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for urban medium low density residential at densities that are compatible with multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 21,997.04 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH
2. An Ordinance upon Application of Richard & Leah Waizer for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to O-1 Office District on the west side of First Colonial Road, 350 feet more or less north of Old Donation Parkway. The proposed zoning classification change to O-1 is for office land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for urban high density residential at densities that are compatible with multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 1115 First Colonial Road and contains 25,003.44 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH
3. An Ordinance upon Application of Lynnhaven Marina L.L.C., for a Conditional Use Permit for a marina on the east side of Great Neck Road W, beginning at a point 950 feet

more or less south of Lynnhaven Drive. Said parcel is located at 2101 Great Neck Road West and contains 1.249 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Daniel E. Poston for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales, service and truck rentals on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, 300 feet west of Foundry Lane. Said parcel is located at 2825 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 1 acre. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:
LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH
5. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Beco Construction, Inc. Property is located on the south side of Broad Bay Road, 230 feet more or less east of Hackberry Road. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

AMENDMENT:

6. Motion of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to amend and reordain Sections 203 and 1521 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to parking requirements in the RT-3 Resort Tourist District.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/A&E City Clerk

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Public Notice

Take notice that on May 12, 1997, at 10:00 A.M. at the address of Summs Skip Co., 588-A Central Dr. Va Beach, Va. 23454 the undersigned will sell at Public Auction, for cash, reserving unto itself the right to bid, the following:

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Serial # 00387

Bank of Tidewater

1548 Laskin Road

Va. Beach, Va. 23451

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Public Notice

Take notice that on April 28, 1997, at 10:00 A.M. at the premises of 4747 Shore Dr. Va Beach, Va. the undersigned will sell at Public Auction, for cash, reserving unto itself the right to bid, the following vehicle.

1987 Ford 250 Pickup, Black

Serial # 1FTHX26L3HK438334

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Public Notice

Take notice that on May 5, 1997, at 10:00 A.M. at the premises of 4747 Shore Dr. Va Beach, Va. the undersigned will sell at Public Auction, for cash, reserving unto itself the right to bid, the following vehicle.

1989 Mitsubishi Van, white

Serial # 1A7EN23W5KA002098

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Public Notice

Take notice that on May 5, 1997, at 10:00 A.M. at the premises of 4747 Shore Dr. Va Beach, Va. the undersigned will sell at Public Auction, for cash, reserving unto itself the right to bid, the following vehicle.

1989 Safari Van, GMC

Serial # 1GDTM315Z2KB528-505

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Public Notice

The Annual Report of the Rashkind Family Foundation is available for inspection at 2701 Avenger Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia, during working hours Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by any citizen who requests inspection within 180 days.

Julian Rashkind
Foundation Manager

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This town ain't big enough for the both of 'em

By BOB RUEGSEGER
Sun Correspondent

I've got to be honest. Right from the start, it seemed to be a bad idea to me.

I can understand a little indiscretion, but this ill-thought-out plan has "trouble" written all over it. In my opinion, it seems to border on insanity to even consider such an idea. When Vicki Harvey, the media contact at Land House, first informed me that both Edward "Blackbeard" Teach, the pirate, and Grace Sherwood, the Witch of Pungo, would be "guests" at the house's "Legends of the Beach" program, I couldn't believe my ears.

There could be a catastrophe in the making. The thought of this kind of thing should surely never even be contemplated much less deliberately arranged. Anything could go wrong. They've gone way too far this time at the Land House.

When I asked Museum Education Specialist Harvey, if this city — Virginia Beach — was big enough for both Blackbeard and Grace Sherwood, she just laughed it off and said, "It was big enough last year. They seem to get along pretty well." Harvey quickly added, "We do keep them separated though." Then she laughed in amusement. It wasn't a nervous laugh.

Vicki Harvey appeared to be completely comfortable with the idea of a notorious pirate and headstrong witch being in the same location. I was agghast! I hadn't attended last year's "Legends of the Beach" celebration so I had no frame of reference — no personal experience to rely upon. I had only my imagination! I had visions of an incredible calamity. This — in my opinion — was playing with fire. I was convinced someone was going to get hurt!

And I still am. With two such volatile personalities at one site, in spite of Harvey's assurances, I am certain that this is courting disaster. I understand that both parties were given to cursing. Blackbeard certainly didn't become a legend because he was civil and well-mannered, and Grace was not revered for going out of her way to get along with her neighbors.

Perhaps the key to avoiding a confrontation between Blackbeard and the Witch of Pungo is simply keeping them separated. Harvey's words kept echoing in my mind. "They seem to get along pretty well," she said. That really bothered me.

I tried to come up with a worst case scenario. Before I knew it, my imagination was running wild. Three fascinat-

ating scenes ran through my mind. First, while on his way to the punch bowl, Blackbeard bumps into Grace Sherwood at the Francis Land House. He offers no apology. Never willing to hold her tongue, the Witch of Pungo scolds him, "Have you no manners, sir? Were you born on a frigate? Are you a son of a gun?"

"Silence, wench!" exclaims the pirate and draws his cutlass. In self-defense — and without hesitation — the witch lets a curse fly and turns the pirate into a toad. Then she simply picks him up and walks away.

This first scenario fades into the second. On her way to the powder room, Grace Sherwood accidentally collides with the Devil incarnate — as Blackbeard preferred to be known. She offers no excuse — just a defiant stare. "Have you no manners, madam? Were you raised in a bewdy house?" the pirate asks.

Grace does not reply. Blackbeard picks her up, throws her over his shoulder and heads off toward the Lynnhaven River in the direction of Witchduck Point.

As the final scenario comes into focus, Grace Sherwood intentionally bumps into Edward Teach on her way to the powder room. Feigning indignance, Grace glares icily at Blackbeard. He appears hypnotized by her cool gaze.

The ill-tempered pirate is the first to speak. "You're kind of cute when you're angry," observes Blackbeard with a wink. There is a long, poignant pause.

"Thank you for noticing, sir," replies Grace coquettishly.

There are flurries of apologies on both sides. "I beg your pardon, dear lady," says Blackbeard charmingly.

"Sir, please forgive my clumsiness," begs the Witch of Pungo.

"On the contrary, dear madam, it was I who was at fault," responds the savage pirate. "I was simply dazed by your beauty." "I was simply dazed by your beauty," he explains.

"Sir," says the witch, "You are far too gallant."

After a few moments of polite chitchat, Blackbeard takes Grace's hand and they stroll light-heartedly to the punch bowl. Perhaps I'm overly concerned about the firm feathers flying when — and if — Blackbeard and the Witch of Pungo run into each other. It is possible that there may be another sort of fireworks. Conceivably, the brutish pirate could lose his head to the spirited witch, and possibly the sharp-tongued witch could give her soul to the demon pirate. After all, they probably deserve each other. A romance between these two local legends could turn out to be a marriage made in hell.

If something terrible happens when Blackbeard the pirate and Grace Sherwood the Witch of Pungo "run into each other" during the "Legends of the Beach" program at the Land House, I wouldn't want to read about it in the paper. I'd much rather be an eyewitness.



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BJ's members and non-members are invited to attend the demonstrations. In addition, free child fingerprint will be offered by I.O.F. Forersters.

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At the Kids Care Club™ craft table, children will have the opportunity to create Mother's

Day pins for their own use. Supporting children's creativity, BJ's will host a coloring contest between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The winning artist will receive a Kravitz Kit.

Other children's competitions include a 1 p.m. Oreo Cookie stacking contest and 2 p.m. Hula Hoop contest. Face painting will also be offered throughout the day.

Custom Home Builder members have exclusive rights to a special collection of 24 Southern Living House Plans designed for the magazine by Atlanta residential designer Stephen S. Fuller, president of Design Tradition. Each builder will build at least one plan from the collection or other Southern Living plans in 1997. Network builders also have access to the entire Southern Living House Plans Service collection, which includes more than 300 plans created by respected architects and designers.

Ettel elected to Southern Living board

Chris Ettel was recently named to the board of directors for Southern Living magazine's Custom Home Builder Program.

Each year, Southern Living carefully selects Custom Home members based on their reputation among local business and consumers; strength of presence in their respective markets; superior quality and attention to detail; innovative style; and other criteria.

Approximately 100 professionals are participating in the 1997 program, and 10 members, including Ettel, were selected to serve on the board of

directors.

Ettel established his firm, VB Contractors Inc., in Virginia Beach in 1987. Active in the community, he is a member of the Virginia Beach Education Foundation and has participated in fundraising efforts for Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. Ettel's publication credits include Southern Living House Plans magazine, Coastal Living and Contracting Business Magazine.

Ettel, a Virginia Beach native received a bachelor's degree from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

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To market, to market

The students at Lirkhom Park Elementary School recently participated in "Market Day" in honor of African-American Day. Parent volunteers and teachers helped the youngsters select items that were paid for by using chips earned for good work in the classroom. Many of the students wore traditional African headresses and kufi. Jacinta and Angelica Huff enjoyed a special hug from Donna Easter during the celebration.

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New Owl Creek tennis facility opens Saturday

Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation will hold the grand opening and dedication of the newly-renovated Owl Creek Municipal Tennis Center as it celebrates Tennis Across America Day on Saturday, May 10 from 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. This event is open to all ages and skill levels. Bring the entire family for a day of fun

and games.

Meet the pros, brush up skills or pick up a racket for the first time. Bring your racket if you have one. A limited number of loaner rackets will be available. Open play will be available from 2-4 p.m.

For further information, call Owl Creek Tennis Center at 437-4804, TDD 471-5839.

Old Donation planning Evening of Excellence

The annual Evening of Excellence at Old Donation Center for the Gifted and Talented is Wednesday, May 14 from 7-8 p.m. at Old Donation Center, 1008 Ferry Plantation Rd.

The night will feature school wide visitation of all programs — intellectual, visual arts, dance, math and science. There will be displays, student demonstrations, lab work, and

hands-on activities.

Resource Enrichment Program teachers will be available in the drama room to discuss curriculum in this home school program. Displays will show the connections between ODC and the Enrichment Resource Program.

There will be a book fair in the Old Donation Center Library the same evening. Proceeds benefit the library.

Public input sought in library system's future

The public is invited to participate in discussions that will help shape the future of Virginia Beach Public Library services and facilities. Sessions have been scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 7-9 p.m., Kempsville Recreation Center, 800 Monmouth Ln., and Wednesday, June 4, 7-9 p.m., Bayside Recreation Center,

4500 First Court Rd.

Participants are asked to call and register at the library closes to the meeting they wish to attend. Those participating in the May 20 session can call the Kempsville Library, 474-8406. Those who wish to attend the meeting on June 4 can call the Bayside Library at 460-7518.

Beach Weekend hits the sand May 16-18

Shag in the sand as beach music favorites perform free concerts at the Third Annual Beach Music Weekend. All performances take place at two oceanfront stages, the 24th Street Park and a giant stage set in the sand at 30th Street. This event is free and open to the public. This year's performances include:

■ Friday, May 16, The Catalinas, 7 p.m.;

■ Saturday, May 17 Bill Deal, Ammon Tharp and the Rhondels, noon; Bill Pinkney and The Original Drifters, 2 p.m.; Percy Sledge, 4:45 p.m.; Shag Dance Competition, 6:15 p.m.

■ Sunday, May 18, The Embers, 1 p.m., and Chairmen of the Board, 3:45 p.m.

For shag contest information, call Larry Williams at 482-9372.

Mt. Trashmore hosts a 'beary' special outing

For a "beary" special day, follow the large parade bear balloon to Mount Trashmore Park on Saturday, May 17 from noon-4 p.m. for Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation's Teddy Bear Picnic.

Bring your own teddy bear and enjoy stories, puppet shows, special bear characters, children's entertainment,

games, food vendors and a free teddy bear craft project will be available to the first 200 children.

Children's groups, troops or service organizations can participate in a contest to win a free Chanell's pizza party. For further information, call Special Events at 471-5884, TDD 471-5839.

Construction safety camp for kids planned

Community safety is the reason Virginia Beach teamed up with the Army Corps of Engineers to develop the Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project. It's also the reason for hosting Kids Construction Safety Camp on Saturday, May 17 from 9-10

a.m. on 45th Street at the oceanfront.

Plan to walk or ride your bike, as on-site parking is limited. The event is free and open to the public. For information or questions call 437-6265.

SPSA plans Community Day open house May 17

The Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) will hold its next open-house "Community Day and Trash Tour" on Saturday, May 17. This event is free by pre-registration only.

The Community Day and Trash Tour event is designed to provide interested residents with information on solid waste management.

For additional information or to preregister, call 420-4700.

Message clear: no new taxes; give full funding to schools

Council faces budget barrage from citizens

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

If the public has its way, when city council considers the Resource Management Plan for fiscal 1997-98 next Tuesday it won't include any tax increase, will fully fund the school board budget, may or may not include Alantoni in its sanitary sewer program and not spend so much time and money on golf courses, soccer stadiums, amphitheaters and seawalls anywhere.

At the second public hearing Tuesday on the plan, which includes both the \$56,853,569 operating budget and \$1,010,060,250 capital budget, approximately 70 persons signed up to speak and most of them did, on subjects ranging from taxes, to recreation, to education, to drainage and sewage to beautification.

While the most critical statements came from the no-taxes contingent, the deepest emotional appeal was made by mothers and children who want the city to acquire the Bow Creek Motel and the Sandtrap Lounge property next door to the Bow Creek Recreation Center to use as a neighborhood park.

The \$2 million project is listed among the requested but not

CHECK IT OUT

City council will approve the resource recovery plan, including both the operating and capital budgets, on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Council will also have to decide:

- Whether to increase the real estate tax which is unlikely.
- How much to allocate the school board.
- Whether to issue \$54.1 million in general obligation bonds.
- Whether to issue \$12.73 in water and sewer revenue bonds.
- Whether to continue the half cent lodging tax established to fund the Tourism Growth Development Fund through 2000, and whether to add six cents to the six cent real estate tax in the Sandbridge Special Service District for the sand replenishment program at Sandbridge.

funded projects. The neighbors, some of them in tears, pleaded with council to purchase the property to remove dangerous elements of the businesses which made the recreation center in accessible to them.

The public hearing which started out with a thank you from Mary Ann Nixon, president of the Resort Beach Civic League and Coalition, said her concerns were

drainage, schools, recreation, and quality retail. Overall she thought council was doing a good job. Her comments were met with a "Hooray" from Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. who said it was a "great way to begin."

The next thankful speaker came from the Citizens Action Coalition, which is usually critical of council. Al Strazzullo said that the city had broken its promise to renovate the Bow Creek Golf course (on the deleted project list), but did say that the city was taking the best way to develop golf courses by private/public partnerships. He said he didn't always feel that way, but has found that golf course development can be done best and more profitably this way.

Vice Mayor William D. Sessions Jr., a promoter of golf courses and public/private development, said that was "music to my ears...To me it always made sense."

But, he said, he considered his stand to be political suicide.

Strazzullo said that it wouldn't be political suicide. He said that the city went five years without much progress, that there were fears prices would be out of sight, but that hasn't been true, he said.

Competition will set the prices.

From there on things went pretty much downhill.

Michael Walter said that he was opposed to full funding of the school budget and did not want any tax increase. He said his real estate taxes went up 100 percent in the last 10 years.

"Who does city council think it is?"

He said, "You must tell the school board they must have X amount of money. If you increase my taxes to fully fund the school board, you are indicating that the supply of money is unlimited. You have to say at some point."

He said that State Del. Leo Wardrup Jr. who has been criticized for interfering with city business, is helping taxpayers. "Someone has got to stop you people. Do not raise my taxes again."

Michael Katsias said that he agreed with Walter. He said that the city needs to reorientize what is in the budget. The school board has already compromised — the board had originally asked for \$422 million but got that down to \$415 million which was still more than the city had allocated the schools under its revenue sharing plan — \$409 million. Last week a plan was presented to council by E. Dean Block, director of management, increasing that allocation to \$411 million with no tax increase. Katsias said, however that the city should fully fund the school board budget without a tax increase.

Michael Arsuaga said that he was against the tax and fee increase. The city can't afford a tax or fee increase, he said, adding that the per capita income since 1986 has got kept up with the cost of living. The city needs

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'Berried' treasure awaits in Pungo

Festival planned announced 1997 gala celebration

By VICTORIA HECHT
Sun Editor

Local folks have long known that some very good things await in Pungo — farm-fresh produce, a laid-back lifestyle, friendly people and interesting lore.

Those who've been missing all this are about to find out that "A Treasure Trove of Berried Pleasure" is only a stone's throw away when the 14th Annual Pungo Strawberry Festival kicks off May 24.

Festival planners and supporters, mostly Pungo natives and a few who have become enamored with the rural corner of Virginia Beach, gathered last week to announce activities for this year's Memorial Day weekend event. Gathering under a vivid blue sky, all seemed to bode well for the upcoming family extravaganza.

Drawing more than 150,000 people last year, organizers are looking forward to the biggest and best yet.

And it's all "uniquely Pungo," according to chairman Jake Jaycocks.

"One of the main purposes of the festival when it was started 14 years was to share the Pungo



MMM, GOOD! Parade Grand Marshal James K. Spore, city manager, chomps into one of the season's earliest pickings.

atmosphere with the other residents of Virginia Beach. A lot of them have never been to

Pungo. They think of Virginia Beach as the 'city' when there's a country part as well. It's an

alcohol-free festival and truly a family event."

From the Saturday morning grand parade down Princess Anne Road to the final performers Sunday, the festival boasts something for everyone. Proceeds from this weekend of fun have brought more than \$180,000 to area charities, schools, clubs and services.

The official festival poster, unveiled during a special press conference, honors Pungo's most celebrated crop — the strawberry.

Designed by Virginia Beach Technical Career Education Center student Pierre Botardo, it features treasure chest spilling over with the juicy gems.

Also recognized during the kick-off press conference were Pungo's "dignitaries" of the year: Honorary Mayor and First Lady Jack and Janet Dowdy, Honorary Witch Ann Flanagan Gregory and Grand Marshal James K. Spore, city manager.

Born and raised in Hillsboro, N.C., Jack Dowdy moved to Virginia Beach in 1966 after graduating from North Carolina State University. He began his career with the Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation that year.

Today he is coordinator of its Bayside Recreation Center.

He moved to Pungo in 1967, renting from natives Mabel and

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Bike trail cut off; \$550,000 grant lost

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

Community opposition has halted the completion of the Pungo Trail which was in the city's 1986 bikeway plan.

Along with the trail goes a \$550,000 ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act) grant awarded in December of 1996.

Barry Frankenfield, parks and recreation planner, told city council at a work session Tuesday that the grant "is clearly lost" for this project but that the city may get another shot at using the grant elsewhere in the

city. The bikeway in the 1986 plan was along the Virginia Power Right of Way from Dam Neck Road to Pungo and ultimately to Munden Point Park.

The first part of the trail has been completed. Approximately 2500 linear feet, has been developed from Dam Neck Road to Winterberry Lane in the Landstown Meadows Subdivision. That portion, which is on the original right-of-way for Rosemont Road (160 feet), and Virginia Power right-of-way (66 feet), cost \$110,000 which will be paid for by the Department of conservation and Recreation

Open space Initiative Funds and the Capital Improvement Program.

The development of the trail from Winterberry Lane to the Municipal Center following the Virginia Power right of way is a snag when neighbors in the Courthouse Farms and Princess Anne Crossing neighborhoods objected. They cited safety, increased crime, privacy and property value, unauthorized access by motorized vehicles and homeowner liability.

Frankenfield said that there is a difference in the two sections. In the completion portion, he

pointed out, the right-of-way was extremely wide and the houses mostly backed onto the trail. In the Courthouse and Princess Anne Crossing neighborhoods the right-of-way would be only about 65 feet and most of the houses would front on the right-of-way.

The neighborhoods requested a change in the grant which would have followed Virginia Power right-of-way but would stop before entering the Princess Anne Crossing and Courthouse Farms neighborhoods. A future connection would be developed

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Commentary

MAY IS CPR MONTH

The heart of the matter

Cardiovascular diseases kill almost one million Americans each year. About two-thirds of the deaths from heart attacks occur before a victim reaches the hospital. Many of those deaths can be prevented if the victims get prompt help — usually by a family member or bystander trained in CPR.

This month the American Heart Association and South Hampton Roads emergency medical personnel are urging local residents to take advantage of free CPR Heart Saver training.

Local sponsors, locations and dates:

■ Chesapeake Health Department and Chesapeake EMS. Saturday, May 31, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

■ Sentara Southside Hospital, Monday, May 12, 5 - 9 p.m.

■ The Beat Goes On sponsored by the Norfolk Police Department, Wednesday, May 21, 6 - 9 p.m.

■ Tidewater Center for Life Support — Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Westside Christian Church in Portsmouth; Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 - 6 p.m., at St. James Episcopal Church in Portsmouth; and, Wednesday, May 28, 6 - 10 p.m., at Bon Secours DePaul Medical Center.

More than 5 million people each year receive CPR training, and on-scene CPR has been credited with helping save thousands of lives each year. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was developed through American Heart Association-funded research. CPR involves a combination of mouth-to-mouth rescue breathing and chest compressions.

The American Heart Association points out, however, that CPR alone is not enough to save the lives of most heart attack victims. CPR is a vital link in the chain of survival that begins by first calling 911 and then giving CPR. The chain continues with early defibrillation if needed using a machine that delivers electric shocks to the heart. The final link is advanced care by health care professionals.

Anyone interested in taking a CPR heart saver course should contact the American Heart Association, 671-8636.

PROM '97: MAKING IT THROUGH ALIVE

Positive memories

National research shows that nearly eight young people per day — one every three hours — die in alcohol-related vehicular accidents.

This year, 3.4 million teens will be given the opportunity to change this alarming statistic by remaining alcohol- and drug-free on prom night.

One of the highlights of a young person's high school years, prom night is an evening of glamour, excitement and perhaps even romance — an evening to be cherished for years. Two things do not fit into the picture: booze and drugs.

As part of the Prom Promise program sponsored by Nationwide Insurance, Hampton Roads teens have promised to forget these temptations by signing a pledge saying they will abstain from temptation. Nationally, more than 3.4 million students in 4,200 high schools throughout 22 states and the District of Columbia have taken the same vow.

In saying farewell to their youth and high school careers, these young people have made a very adult promise and should be commended. They will be around to remember prom night 1997.

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Stomaching some prom memories

I was cleaning out some bookshelves last week in preparation for the new den furniture when I ran across some old photo albums.

I had noticeably more tracing the high school years than any others. Being that this makes 10 years since

I roamed the halls of Norfolk Collegiate, I decided to take a trip down Memory Lane.

Images of after-schools spent in the wrangling the complexities of algebra and geometry drifted through my head (two subjects I'll

never use again), as did more favored classes like English and creative writing.

Of course, there were those undeniable reminiscences of secret crushes, young love, '80s fashion and school dances, where anything possible could happen. Oh, how I remember those dances.

I flipped the yellowing leaves of one album, past smiles of old friends and a much thinner me. The good old days. Invariably, I'd run across picture after picture of yet another school dance — homecoming, Sadie Hawkins, Halloween and prom.

Prom. It's a simple, four-letter word that forms memories as easily as graduation and those exams I wailed until the last possible moment for which to study.

Prom is about young love, new dresses and spiffy rented tuxedos, just-polished cars, fancy dinners, flowers, music, photographs and a swirl of other sensations.

I remember my junior and senior proms very well, probably because I ended up marrying my date for both. Junior prom was about all those things that girls dream of — a beautiful corsage, a gallant young gentleman,

sweet nothings and camaraderie with good friends.

Senior prom, in a word, was hell. It's not that I planned it that way. From the start senior prom was shaping up to be the night to end all nights — a last hurrah to the high school days before setting off to college and new challenges.

Mom and I made careful plans. First, the dress. I dragged her to the place, really the only place, to purchase the ultimate dream gown — The Famous.

Immediately I spied the one I desired, a gold, floor-length lamé number with thin straps, a sweetheart neckline and gold sequined bodice embellished with brilliant flower. It was the most exquisite thing I'd seen and put a substantial dent in Mom's wallet.

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But she gladly shelled out the bucks, plus a few more for matching shoes and handbag, earrings, necklace and bracelet.

To top it off I got a new haircut complete with gold highlights.

The makings of a wonderful prom were in order. Evan spruced up his vintage BMW, the one he worked so hard to earn by bagging groceries and cutting lawns, until it was a gleaming forest green. It was immaculate inside and out. He produced a gold-beaded wrist corsage and held my car door until my full skirt swept neatly inside.

Then we were off to meet another couple at a swank Virginia Beach restaurant (to remain unnamed) for supper before making our grand entrance at the dance.

Dinner slipped by quickly as Evan, Tasos, Sylvia and I sipped on appetizers, salad and our entrees. When my shrimp scampi arrived it looked so marvelous that I cleaned the plate.

We arrived at the prom, held at the former Madison Hotel, fortified and ready to dance the night away. Evan took my hand, led me onto the floor and proceeded to boogie.

But once the first few bars of the song had played, I didn't feel like doing much, in fact, as the stomach started to churn and sweat broke out on my forehead.

Evan brought me some punch, but the sight of it made me even sicker. I knew something was wrong, very wrong, as I made my way to the bathroom with several friends in tow. Let's suffice it to say dinner wasn't so good after all. For the remainder of the dance I made regular trips to the lavatory, stopping in between to quench my thirst with cold sips of Coke.

Instead of an evening of romance with Evan holding me in his arms to soft music, he held my hand as I fought off a wave after wave of nausea. No gold dress, spiffy tuxedo or pretty corsage could make me feel any better.

The next morning, looking the worse for wear, Mom took me to the doctor. Diagnosis: food poisoning, bad shrimp. I was laid up in bed for several days. Food simply wouldn't stay down, but I did lose about seven pounds in the process.

Flipping through the dusty album last week, smiling images of Evan and myself looked back. Photos of him helping me into the car, posing for a few pre-prom shots. Of course, there are none at the dance. The camera lay forgotten on a table as I battled the first signs of food poisoning.

We laugh about it today, joking that at least we had a good prom. Actually, we had a good prom and a half if you count the first part of the evening. And I still have the dress, as well as the corsage, tucked away in a shoebox.

This weekend teens across Hampton Roads will don their rented tuxes and slinkiest gowns with dreams of the night of their life. I hope it is, because it's the stuff of which memories are made.

I just have one bit of advice for those young hopefuls. Please, stay away from the shrimp scampi and have a happy prom.

Chivalry is a name-calling dilemma

By LARRY MCGEEHEE
Guest Columnist

In the days of kings and courts, lords and ladies, a man of authority was addressed as "sir" and his wife as "madam." As society moved from baronies into boroughs and from castles into cities, the practice went with them.

With more and more people congregated together, and with more commoners exercising citizenship, lordship and ladyship became difficult to distinguish. The safe thing to do when addressing one's seniors was simply to call them "sires" or "madams."

Those horrors, of course, became abbreviated with usage. "Sire" became "sir" and "madam" became "ma'am."

Like most southern boys, I was trained forcefully and early by my parents — reinforced by aunts and uncles — always to say "sir" and "ma'am" to my elders.

It was a habit that took. I've observed it faithfully throughout my 60 years. My wife and I have succeeded in passing it on to our daughters, too.

The trouble for me has been that, in growing old, there are fewer and fewer people around for me to call "sir" or "madam."

Whenever I do get a chance to say it, it always makes me feel younger, probably because I subconsciously recall how young I was when I started saying it.

And for quite a few years now, I have been hearing young folk calling me "sir." That makes me feel old, and I look around each time it is said to me, just to be certain it isn't being addressed to someone else.

But being called "sir" also makes me feel good. It tells me instantly something about what sort of training and parents the young addresser must have had, and it reassures me that good manners and civility are not totally abandoned in an age when most other social grace moorings have been loosened.

Most of my working days are spent in places where the people are younger than I. All of the students and almost all of the faculty and staff at Wofford College, where I work, are younger than I, and most of my

contacts with parents of students, alumni, and townsfolk are with people to whom I am an elder.

I was taking my car through the car wash downtown recently, and when I turned my keys for it over to the young hourly-wage man who was to vacuum its interior, I instinctively addressed him as "Sir."

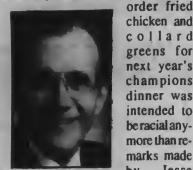
You might have thought I had knighed him! He grinned so widely and genuinely it would have put a jack-o'-lantern to shame. He threw his shoulders back, shed his shuffle, and hustled into the car.

I thought about that the whole time I was waiting for the car to emerge at the end of the conveyor tunnel. I liked what a simple word had done, like magic, for the car washer, and I liked what his reaction had done for me.

The rest of the week I very deliberately addressed each person I saw as "sir" or "ma'am." Most of them were students, but there were also servers in the buffet line, grounds crew

Collard greens don't deserve their bad rap

I don't believe that golfer Fuzzy Zoeller's remarks about Master's golf champion Tiger Woods being "that little boy" and suggesting that he not order fried chicken and collard greens for next year's champions dinner was intended to be racial.



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist

Larry Bird, said, "He's way overrated. Why does he get so much publicity? Because he's white."

Then there is another basketball great Charles Barkley, who said, "I hate whites." Barkley is black.

Louis Farrakhan called whites devils and said Jews, in particular, are blood suckers. Where were all the screams then? Very few paid any attention to their racial remarks, but when Fuzzy Zoeller jokes about fried chicken and collard greens, everyone goes to general quarters.

The only one acting with any good sense was Tiger Woods, at whom the remarks were directed. He was not offended as much as Jesse Jackson, who makes a living being offended. Yes, we have a double standard in this country as far as who can make racial remarks and who can't, but we could talk about that forever.

I am a little hot with Fuzzy for making fun of collard greens. I have no idea where Fuzzy comes from, but if he thinks that only blacks like collard greens, then he had better wise up. There is nothing better than a big plate of steaming collard greens seasoned with sour belly, cornbread, butter milk and hot pepper sauce over the collards.

I must confess I learned to cook collards from a black lady who worked for my aunt in Georgia. Nobody could cook collards like Miss Bett. In addition, she cooked fish and cornbread better than anyone I have ever known and my wife does a pretty good job of cooking fish and cornbread.

Miss Bett would make the whole neighborhood smell good when she cooked collards and fish.

She would take me fishing and we would catch huge brim from a lake close by. She always cooked fish fresh from the lake. She would never cook an old fish. Miss Bett was also good at cooking ham chops and black-eyed peas. She always cooked that for us for New Year's.

Miss Bett died when she was 90 years old. I went to see her shortly before her death. She had 12 children but she always called me her baby. She taught me a lot about goodness and God, but most of all, she taught me not to hate.

It is ironic that a sweet, old black lady taught me, a little white boy in Georgia, to love everybody during the worst time in the history of our country.

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Beach 4-H'ers make for happy campers

Continuing on about 4-H programs from last week, the Virginia Beach 4-H Camp Adventure is to be held Aug. 11-15 and is another popular program with the 4-H members.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

Four-H Camp provides a live-away from home experience for boys and girls ages 9-13. It is an exciting educational opportunity for hands-on learning using the outdoor environment as a laboratory.

Virginia Beach 4-H Camp is held at the 285 acre Airfield 4-H Center located 70 miles west of Virginia Beach off Route 460 in Wakefield. Campers stay in air-conditioned lodges that include eight bunk beds and a private bathroom facility in each room.

Well-trained counselors and C.I.T.'s help provide supervision always. Campers are grouped with no more than seven to a room.

Professional extension staff, adult volunteers, camp staff and resource people provide instruction for all camp classes. There is a registered nurse or EMT on staff at the 4-H center at all times. The swimming pool is supervised by certified lifeguards. Safety of the camper is always primary for the staff.

Campers participate in morning camp classes and have various activities scheduled for the afternoon. Campers register for three classes for the entire week. Some examples of the 20 classes offered include nature studies, swimming (beginner and advanced), canoeing, photography, in-line skating, futsal (beginner and advanced), archery, field hockey, leather craft, theatrical arts, arts and crafts and more! Special evening programs and campfires are the highlights of the camp week. In short, everything done in 4-H camp is designed to meet the needs and interests of the 4-H camper.

The \$175 fee includes lodging, meals, snacks, supplies, camp T-shirt and transportation from the Virginia Beach 4-H Office to and from camp. A \$65 deposit is required with each

pre-registration form. The pre-registration deadline is May 31. Make checks payable to: 4-H Camp Fund. There is also a foreign exchange program called "LABO."

Other programs in the 4-H program are in conjunction with the Police Department and the Virginia Beach Public Schools such as embryology and in-line skating; with Virginia Wesleyan College on street smart theater. The regular livestock, horse and veterinary clubs are also available. Each year they have a 4-H Space Quest Camp which gives hands-on activities ranging from building and navigating model airships (blimps), flying model aircraft, building and launching model rockets and piloting single engine aircraft provided by the local chapter of the Young Eagles EAA Affiliate. The purpose of this Space Quest is to motivate and stimulate our youth with activities that will excite them in science, math, physics and provide wholesome experiments that will stimulate their interest.

The continuation of the 4-H legacy is founded on the basic principal of equipping youth with the basic competencies necessary for successful participation in adolescent and adult life.

Commitment to the 4-H mission involves strong support to help youth develop personal standards and values, positive self concepts and effective interpersonal and communication skills, inquiring minds, an eagerness to learn; and the ability to apply science, technology and economic (business) principals. It also works toward the goal of having its members acquire the ability to make decisions, solve problems and accept responsibilities.

The continuation of the 4-H legacy is founded on the basic principal of equipping youth with the basic competencies necessary for successful participation in adolescent and adult life. Youth or adults who want to participate in the Virginia Beach 4-H Program may contact the Virginia Beach 4-H Office at 427-4769. Remember, when we invest in youth — we invest in tomorrow.

Joe Hoffenberger, 4-H Extension agent, contributed to this column.

Suspect sought in Diamond Springs morning murder

Virginia Beach police need your assistance in a murder investigation that occurred in the Diamond Springs area of Virginia Beach.



Crime Solvers

By Detective Michael G. Derwent, Virginia Beach Police Department

A person was seen sitting in a car behind Stewart's vehicle. The vehicle was described as a two-door, blue/gray or dark Toyota or Honda and was seen heading down Aurora Drive toward Janke Road.



Victim Rudolph Stewart Jr.

On Thursday, April 17 at 6 a.m., Rudolph Stewart Jr., a 17-year-old employee for the city of Virginia Beach, was leaving his home in the 5500 block of Aurora Drive. He was shot prior to entering his vehicle, which was parked in front of his house and died at the scene.

A call to Crime Solvers at 427-0000 could earn you a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in this case or any other crime. You will remain anonymous and don't have to appear in court.

Several Virginia Beach golf courses have agreed to participate in "STIHL's Aces for the Kids" challenge: Red Wing Golf Course, Broad Bay Country Club, Cavalier Country Club, Princess Anne County Club, Honey Bee Golf Course, Stumpy Lake Golf Course, Cypress Point Country Club, Owl's Creek Golf Course, Bow Creek Golf Course, Oceana Golf Course, Kempville Greens, Hells Point Golf Course and Little Creek Golf Course.

The contribution will be made in the name of the golfer who hit the shot.

For every hole-in-one hit on a participating golf course in Virginia Beach between May 10 and July 4, STIHL will pay the fees to send a camper to the

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Up close and personal

Christina Alexander: Honing her art

By VICTORIA HECHT

Sun Editor

Intense eye contact.

An undulating torso.

Swaying hips.

Diaphanous veils to spark the imagination.

The hypnotic dance of mystery and sensuality that has mesmerized men and women over the centuries will be featured during this weekend's Multicultural Fest when belly dancer Christina Alexander takes the 25th Street Stage.

As part of Virginia International Waterfront Arts Festival activities, Virginia Beach resident Alexander, or "Esmera" to audiences, will present sets of the centuries-old dance. Show times are Saturday and Sunday from 12:20-12:55 p.m.

A Romanian-born beauty, Alexander has been honing her art since first learning it in Cairo, Egypt.

"It all happened when I went to ballet class and it was 'belly class' instead," she joked. "Actually, I'm very fortunate to have traveled the world. I went to see shows in Turkey, Egypt, Spain and France — all types of dancing — and was intrigued by the beauty and history of the dance, all the meaning and artform behind it."

Alexander took her first belly dancing course in the Middle East, carefully studying other dancers and gaining as much hands-on experience as possible.

"I just love the exotic beauty of it," she continued, describing the dance as "riding inspiration to the music."

As an American, Alexander draws on Middle Eastern, Oriental and Greek influences to create her own unique style. But being Romanian-born made her a special draw for the Multicultural Fest.

"When you're born in a country, it never really leaves you. I'm very fulfilled dancing, and I think everyone should try it."

It's also a great workout, Alexander smiled — one guaranteed to whittle the waist without leaving a a wiped-out feeling. She noted the art of belly dancing is especially good for female bodies.

Mostly, however, Alexander savors the spiritual aspect of the dance.

"I feel entranced when I'm doing this, almost timeless," she said. "It's symbolic to veil yourself in the mysteries of the spirit, the beauty of life and sensuality. The movements are the life force."

A regular at Peninsula, Hampton Roads and Richmond venues, Alexander has designed two routines especially for this weekend's festival. Her signature piece is "Mantra," a veiled dance performed to Ravi Shankar on the electric violin. The second is a distinctly Turkish "peacock dance."

Alexander, who is fluent in four languages, is cheered that Virginia Beach is recognizing its multicultural heritage.

"There will be singing and dancing, music and performers representing ethnic groups from around the world. There will be food and different booths with international wares. It's a great honor to be a part of it. I'm glad this is finally happening."

An award-winning poet, Alexander belongs to the National Author's Registry and has worked as an interpreter and translator. She attended the Université de Sorbonne in Paris and was the first student to earn a master's degree in Humanities and Communications in one year at Old Dominion University. She enjoys volunteering her time with the disabled.

As an undergraduate student at the College of William and Mary, Alexander served as chairman of the International Student Committee for the Baptist student



Union and was a member of the International Student association.

Name: Christina Anamaria Alexander, aka Esmera.

What brought you to this area: My parents.

Hometown: Virginia Beach.

Birthdate: Never ask a lady her age.

Occupation: Performing artist.

Marital Status: Single.

Children: None.

Favorite movies: "Some Like It Hot," "Forrest Gump" and "Wolf."

Magazines I read regularly: Discover, Architectural Digest, National Geographic and Weekly World News.

Favorite authors: Edgar Allen Poe, Charlotte Bronte and Voltaire.

Favorite night on the town: I'd

like a stretch limo to the Lido in Paris where I'd drink champagne and dance until dawn. Or just lying on the beach watching the stars.

Favorite restaurants: Aldo's.

Favorite meal and beverage: Broiled salmon with a glass of wine, or Billy's bread with pizza.

Best thing about myself: Tolerance.

Pets: Frosty, a Turkish angora cat of noble character; and Chase, a street punk but he's a sweet cat.

Ideal vacation: Astronomy and astrology. A Hindu astrologer once told me I'm a quadruple Gemini, and I should pursue the art of dance. Watching the sky through a telescope is fascinating.

Hobbies: I'd like to go island-hopping on a private boat.

Pet peeves: Injustice and unkindness.

First job: Selling furniture.

Worst job: Bartending. I only lasted a week.

Favorite sports teams: Hampton Roads Admirals and Norfolk Tides.

Favorite musicians: Billy Landon, George Harrison, Adrienne Legg and Jimi Hendrix.

Most embarrassing moment: Belly dancing in front of my father for the first time.

I would like my epitaph to read: "She was here. Now she's gone. May her legend Live on."

If I received \$1 million: I would buy a villa on a Greek island.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I'd ride the wave of sweet inspiration.



Month-long tourney benefits Divers Alert Network

Dan's Dive Center in Virginia Beach will sponsor a month-long spearfishing tournament with the proceeds going to the Divers Alert Network (DAN), a non-profit medical and research organization, dedicated to the safety and health of recreational SCUBA divers.

The competition will be held during the month of June, and the

\$7 registration fee for each participant will go toward DAN research into dive related accidents and illness.

Prizes have been donated by SCUBA industry leaders such as Dacor, Sherwood, Cressi-Sub, DAN, Pro-Sub, Dan's Dive Center, Sports Diver, Cochran Undersea Technologies, White's

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Jive, NAUI (National Association of Underwater Instructors) and PADI (Professional Association of Dive Instructors), and will be awarded in the following categories:

■ Heaviest Tautog or Sea Bass, four places;

■ Most fish in a day, two places;

■ Heaviest Cobia, one place;

and, ■ Best overall catch, one place.

Bring catches to Dan's Dive Center, 4973 Cleveland St., for weigh-ins Saturdays from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. or Sundays from 7 a.m.-noon.

For rules and additional information, contact the event sponsor at 473-3267.

STIHL aces 'em for kids

STIHL Inc., the manufacturer of chain saws and other outdoor power equipment, is sponsoring the second annual "STIHL Aces for the Kids" golf challenge in conjunction with the Virginia Beach Jaycees. The goal is to send an entire bus load of 40 children and adults to Camp Virginia Jaycee in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

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Several Virginia Beach golf courses have agreed to participate in "STIHL's Aces for the Kids" challenge: Red Wing Golf Course, Broad Bay Country Club, Cavalier Country Club, Princess Anne County Club, Honey Bee Golf Course, Stumpy Lake Golf Course, Cypress Point Country Club, Owl's Creek Golf Course, Bow Creek Golf Course, Oceana Golf Course, Kempville Greens, Hells Point Golf Course and Little Creek Golf Course.

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Beach explores ecotourism as new visitor-recruitment idea

By JANE ROWE

Sun Correspondent

Like many people living along the northeastern seaboard, Jay and Ramila Dadhanis decided that spring was a good time to take a weekend trip to Virginia.

But the family of four didn't make the trek here from New Jersey to see the oceanfront strip or play at Busch Gardens. Instead, they came to visit the Marine Science Museum.

"We came just to visit the museum," said Jay, who was strolling along the museum's marshwalk last Saturday with his wife and two children. "We wanted the children to see it. It's great."

Jay and Ramila represent a small but growing number of tourists who are more interested in environmental education than in amusement parks, according to Megan Epler Wood, executive director of the Ecotourism Society.

This market will present both opportunities and challenges for Virginia Beach. Wood according to Wood, who was the keynote speaker at last weekend's second annual Southeastern Virginia Ecotourism Symposium.

"As Virginia Beach enters into this new era, there will be challenges," she said. This new era, she continued, will require an aggressive media plan to attract ecotourists and a "proactive" government to assure sound zoning laws and airright building codes.

Epler-Wood was speaking to a group of about 90 businessmen, government employees and members of non-profit groups who were gathered inside the museum while the Dadhanis walked outside. Wood and other symposium speakers described the growing interest in ecotourism and the opportunities that exist for small business owners in this relatively-new industry. She also warned of the pitfalls of ecotourism, and stressed that, in order to be



A NEW BREED. Ecotourists Jay and Ramila Dadhanis of New Jersey brought their two children, Vivek, 8, and Neha, 6, on a weekend trip to the Virginia Marine Science Museum.

successful, it requires "the proper balance" between for-profit businesses, environmentalists and government officials.

She and other speakers cited examples in areas as diverse as Florida and Kenya where too many tourists have scared off the wildlife and reduced natural areas to litter-strewn wastelands.

"It's important to assure that natural resources are conserved," Wood said. "Tourists can lead to the degradation of places you once loved." The key ingredients in a well-managed program, according to Wood, are funding and cooperation.

"If you attract tourists to a park you will have to put money back into the park," she said, "or you'll be creating a recipe for destruction of the parks." It's also essential, she added, that business owners respect and work with park personnel and local residents.

Wood described ecotourism as a "niche market" that will be of interest primarily to the small businessman. "It's not an easy business to be in," she said, adding that the business owner needs to be able to recognize what the potential customer wants.

The ecotourist, Wood and Ron Bernthal, a travel writer and professor of Environmental Tourism at the State University of New York, is about 50 years old, college-educated, relatively affluent and less likely than most tourists to have children still living at home. He's looking for a wilderness environment so "he'll spend more money for less infrastructure," Wood added.

The ecotourist also differs from the adventure-traveler because he "doesn't go kayaking to exercise his skills but to seek out a secluded place," Bernthal said. He likes to do things on his own, so the best technique is sometimes to provide him with the information he needs and let him go on a self-guided hike or bike tour. He also "likes to see local people on bikes, or backpacking" and he "likes

tradition, history and local culture."

One problem with ecotourism, Bernthal continued, "is that it's becoming trendy" and upscale facilities and tourist-oriented activities displace the local culture that this type of tourist wants to see.

Facilities for ecotourists should not be invasive or harmful to the environment or to the local people, Bernthal and other speakers emphasized. Mark Petrucci, director of certification and compliance for Green Seal, gave hotel owners some tips on how to keep hotels environmentally friendly.

Buy energy-efficient equipment and occupancy sensors because lights are often left on in empty hotel rooms, Petrucci advised. Look for recycled paper products but don't give up if you don't like the first ones you try because often you have to try several brands before you find one that meets your needs.

Water-efficient shower heads can also help to reduce the 218 gallons of water that the average hotel uses per day, and a change in packaging can reduce the amount of soap and shampoo that gets washed down the drain.

"Gallons of these products are washed down the sink" because of spillage or because they come packaged in "little plastic bottles or little bars of soap" that are thrown away half-used when that guest checks out, Petrucci said.

He advises hotel owners to switch to pump dispensers "that only need to be refilled once a month and that will pay for themselves within eight months."

Hampton Roads presents unique opportunities for entrepreneurs

Interested in capitalizing on the ecotourism market, the speakers said. They pointed to the Norfolk International Airport's setting in the Botanical Gardens and the proximity of secluded beaches to Virginia Beach's commercial strip as an example of how urban facilities already blend with nature in this area.

Those who attended the symposium agreed that the opportunities are out there. "I want to package kayaking, hiking and biking," said Greg Eitel, owner of Sandbridge Outfitters. Eitel, who hopes that his new business will be open by June, said that he'd like to create a "public-private venture" by working with city, state and federal employees to promote ecotourism at nearby parks and beaches, including False Cape State Park and Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

"Ecotourism forces us to look at development in a new way," Wood said. "Business will need to work with the state parks to develop an environmentally sensitive product."

Singing psychiatrist

Dr. David Faber is a psychiatrist with Sentara Mental Health Management, but he is also a "closet" night club singer who is making his dream come true Saturday during The Cabaret at Uncle Louie's. A Virginia Beach resident, Faber will feature tunes of Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Stephen Sondheim and Johnny Mercer in his act. His accompanist will be Lane Dare, long familiar to WHRO-TV viewers as chief fund-raiser and "Pledge Drive Mother hen." Faber performs at 7 and 9 p.m. at the 132 E. Little Creek Rd. venue. Call 480-1225 for more information.



Trail cut off

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along Princess Anne Road to make the trail continuous.

Since it is fragmented, it is not approved by VDOT/ISTEA for funding.

The neighbors would not agree to continue the alignment but to have no paving or improvement through the neighborhoods. This option had been approved for funding by DOT/ISTEA.

The staff has commended that a future trail be developed with Princess Anne Road along Lake Ridge property connecting the existing trail ending at Winterberry Lane to Princess Anne Road when it is expanded. This will allow for a continuous route with access to the amenities and destinations along this corridor.

This option, however, will delay the continuation of the trail and cause the loss of the ISTEA grant. Frankfield said that it is possible that the grant could be applied to another trail projects in Virginia Beach.

It didn't take long to get volunteers. Councilman Louis R. Jones said that his BaySide Borough could use the grant for trails; he has received calls from people on Shore Drive and Northampton Boulevard. Ditto, councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. for

Lynnhaven Borough and councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn.

Frankfield said that VDOT's requirements are that the trail be continuous. Much is the problem, he said, resulted because the trail would go directly through a cul de sac with homes where 13 children under seven live.

Frankfield said that he was concerned with precedent setting—more trails would be located along roads and not through neighborhoods.

Top qualify for the grant, the trail would not only have to be continuous physically, but continuous in the grant period. He said that the concept was to provide a continuous system. It was not a question of just bikes, walkers, joggers, skaters and horses.

City Manager James K. Spore said that the city will incorporate the trails in road construction.

Frankfield said that there will be some kind of trail along the Southeastern Parkway.

One of the problems, especially in the country, is that people don't stay on the right-of-way. Another problem in rural areas, he said, is that motorists don't share the road.

In this case, Spore said, stopping the project was correct. There would be some conflict with the Southeastern Parkway resulting in wasted funds.

Beach Symphony hosts Israeli-born pianist

Israeli-born pianist Izhak Gartenberg will appear as guest soloist with the Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of David S. Kunkel, for a performance of Saint Saens' "Piano Concerto No. 2."

The concert will be held at the Pavilion Theatre in Virginia Beach on Sunday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. Gartenberg, a resident of Norfolk and a high school senior at Norfolk Academy, has won a variety of musical competitions, including the 1997 Young Performing Artists Competition, sponsored by Hampton's First Presbyterian Church, the 1995 Bland Instrumental Music Competition, the 1992 State Competition of the Virginia

Musical Teachers Association, and the Piano Competition at Old Dominion University. Also, he has participated in the Young Artists' Piano Program at Tanglewood, MA, as well as the Virginia Commonwealth University Honors Music Institute.

The Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra concert also will include performances of Smetana's "Meadows and Forests" and Grofe's "Grand Canyon Suite."

Concert tickets, which can be obtained from the box office, are \$8 for adults, and \$5 for students and senior citizens. For further information, call 671-8611.

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Noted journalist addresses graduates at Virginia Wesleyan

John Seigenhaler Jr., founder of the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University, will deliver Virginia Wesleyan College's commencement address Saturday.

Approximately 250 seniors and more than 4,000 guests will participate in the hour-long ceremony at 11 a.m. on the campus' Rose Hall Lawn. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Harrison Opera House.

Dr. William R. Shealy, retiring professor of religious studies at Wesleyan, will be the baccalaureate speaker Friday at 7 p.m. The service will be held at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, 19th Street and Pacific Avenue.

A former president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Seigenhaler served for 43 years as an award-winning journalist for *The Tennessean*, Nashville's morning paper. In 1982, he became founding editorial editor of *USA Today*.



John Seigenhaler Sr. and served in that position for 10 years.

He retired 1991 from both *USA Today* and *The Tennessean*.

Seigenhaler is a regular guest on "Freedom Speaks," a national television program appearing on 112 PBS stations, and hosts a weekly book review program, "A Word on Words."

HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

Congressman Sisisky to speak at ODU graduation

Graduation ceremonies for more than 2,100 Old Dominion University students are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10 at Foreman Field. In case of rain, the commencement



Sisisky

will be held at 4 p.m. in Norfolk Scope.

A baccalaureate service is set for 1 p.m. Friday, May 9, in the Diehn Fine and Performing Arts Center.

U.S. Rep. Norman Sisisky, congressman from Virginia's Fourth District for the past 15 years, will be the commencement speaker.

A Richmond native, Sisisky served in World War II and received a bachelor's degree in business and administration from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1949. He transformed a small Petersburg bottling company into a highly successful soft drink distributor before being elected to Congress in 1982.

Sisisky was first elected to public office in 1973 as a delegate from Petersburg to Virginia's General Assembly, where he served five consecutive terms. As a U.S. congressman, he is a senior member of many government committees, including the House Committee on National Security and the Subcommittee on Military Readiness. He is also a member of the Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities.

Sisisky has taken the lead in protecting Virginia's military facilities.

During his tenure on the National Security Committee, Sisisky has taken the lead in protecting Virginia's military facilities. He was a strong advocate for funding a new Nimble-class aircraft carrier, which was regarded as key to preserving 10,000 jobs in Hampton Roads.

Sisisky has received many prestigious honors, including the Douglas MacArthur Award, the Guardian of Small Business Award, the Golden Bulldog Award and the Concord Deficit Hawk Award.

The university will present honorary doctorates to Patricia T. Rouse and Dr. Juan Murillo Montero II of

Chesapeake at commencement.

Rouse, a Norfolk native, made her mark on Hampton Roads as an outstanding community service advocate and business leader. She served on Old Dominion's Board of Visitors from 1962 to 1968, and is the vice president and secretary of the Enterprise Foundation, a charitable corporation that has helped provide more than 43,000 homes to low-income Americans. In 1995, Rouse and her late husband, James W. Rouse, were honored as the Maryland Philanthropists of the Year by the National Society of Fund-Raising Executives.

Montero moved to Virginia from the Philippine Islands over 30 years ago. He became a citizen of the United States in 1974 and is in private practice in general and thoracic surgery. In addition to managing his own practice, Montero has provided health care to migrant workers on the Eastern Shore and established the Chesapeake Care Free Clinic, which offers medical services for the uninsured working poor.

Montero serves on the board of trustees of the Educational Foundation at Old Dominion. He has written many books and scientific papers, and is a recipient of the Most Outstanding Community Service by a

Physician Award from the Medical Society of Virginia as well as the Gold Medal Governor's Award for Volunteering Excellence. At Old Dominion's Founders' Day program last fall, he received the university's Community Service Award.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Arts

The versatile Doorway Singers will present a program rich in Colonial music at the Historic Lynnhaven House: the first of the season music specials on May 18 at 2 p.m. Enjoy music under the beautiful canopy of trees as well as free lemonade and cookies. A \$4 admissions fee includes a tour of the house and grounds. In case of rain, the program will be in the house. Reservations are requested. Call 456-0351 or 481-2145.

Business

James S. Gilmore III will be the guest speaker for the May Central Business District Association at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21 at the Clarion Hotel-Pembroke Corporate Center, 4453 Bonney Rd. The cost of the luncheon is \$15.50 for member and \$20.50 for non-members. Reservations are required and will be accepted through Friday, May 16. For further information, call 490-7812.

Civic

City councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn (Kempville Borough) will host a monthly town meeting on Thursday, May 15 at Kempville High School cafeteria from 7-9 p.m. Topic of discussion is "Highlights of the Adopted Budget." All Virginia Beach citizens are invited to attend to obtain information and/or voice their concerns.

Clubs

The Adam Thoroughgood Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its monthly meeting on May 15 at 10 a.m. at the home of Ms. Sherry Slate at 612 Surfside Ave. For more information, call Jo Anne Mathias at 437-9131.

The Lynnhaven Parish Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at the Francis Land House, 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd., on Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. Regent Mary Ellen Williams will conduct this final meeting of the club year.

Mary Weed Vose will introduce Vicki Harvey, education specialist at the Francis Land House, who will speak on "Historic Homes of Princess Anne County." Judith Kane Connors will install the chapter's new officers for 1997-99.

The Hampton Roads Chapter of The Retired Officers Association will meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16 at the Fort Story Officers Club. Congressman Owen Pickett will be the principal speaker. Both members and non-members are cordially

invited to attend. For reservations, call 583-1726 no later than Tuesday, May 13, and leave your name, phone, number attending, and menu choice of either veal or chicken.

The Tidewater Division of the National Model Railroad Association (N.M.R.A.) will hold its May meeting from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10 at the Norfolk Naval Air Station in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America "Scout Fest" Jamboree.

Government

The regular meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Commission will be held on Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the Agricultural Conference Room, Municipal Center.

Health

The Virginia Beach Department of Public Health presents "Come Dine With Us," a series of fun and educational nutrition classes which focuses on healthy, low fat eating. Each class, conducted by a Registered Dietitian, will include a cooking demonstration, sampling of prepared foods, recipes and more. The next class, Favorite Recipes, is being held Tuesday, May 27 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd., Meeting Room A. Cost for the program is \$5. To register or for more information call Sharlene Keeling at 631-4000.

The Diabetes Treatment Center at Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a support group meeting on Tuesday, May 20 from 3-4 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Center.

Recreation

There will be a live demonstration of the Internet at the Central Library (4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.) at 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, May 15 and Thursday, June 19 presented by the Hampton Roads Internet Association and co-sponsored by the Virginia Beach Public Libraries.

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Beach explores ecotourism as new visitor-recruitment idea

By JANE ROWE
Sun Correspondent

Like many people living along the northeastern seaboard, Jay and Ramila Dadhania decided that spring was a good time to take a weekend trip to Virginia.

But the family of four didn't make the trek here from New Jersey to see the oceanfront strip or play at "Busch Gardens. Instead, they came to visit the Marine Science Museum.

"We came just to visit the museum," said Jay, who was strolling along the museum's marshwalk last Saturday with his wife and two children. "We wanted the children to see it. It's great."

Jay and Ramila represent a small but growing number of tourists who are more interested in environmental education than in amusement parks, according to Megan Epler Wood, executive director of the Ecotourism Society.

This market will present both opportunities and challenges for Virginia Beach, Wood according to Wood, who was the keynote speaker at last weekend's second annual Southeastern Virginia Ecotourism Symposium.

"As Virginia Beach enters into this new era, there will be challenges," she said. This new era, she continued, will require an aggressive media plan to attract ecotourists and a "proactive" government to assure sound zoning laws and air/tight building codes.

Epler-Wood was speaking to a group of about 90 businessmen, government employees and members of non-profit groups who were gathered inside the museum while the Dadhanias walked outside. Wood and other symposium speakers described the growing interest in ecotourism and the opportunities that exist for small business owners in this relatively-new industry. She also warned of the pitfalls of ecotourism, and stressed that, in order to be



A NEW BREED. Ecotourists Jay and Ramila Dadhania of New Jersey brought their two children, Vivek, 8, and Neha, 6, on a weekend trip to the Virginia Marine Science Museum.

successful, it requires "the proper balance" between for-profit businesses, environmentalists and government officials.

She and other speakers cited examples in areas as diverse as Florida and Kenya where too many tourists have scared off the wildlife and reduced natural areas to litter-strewn wastelands.

"It's important to assure that natural resources are conserved," Wood said. "Tourists can lead to the degradation of places you once loved." The key ingredients in a well-managed program, according to Wood, are funding and cooperation.

"If you attract tourists to a park you will have to put money back into the park," she said, "or you'll be creating a recipe for destruction of the parks." It's also essential, she added, that business owners respect and work with park personnel and local residents.

Wood described ecotourism as a "niche market" that will be of interest primarily to the small businessman. "It's not an easy business to be in," she said, adding that the business owner needs to be able to recognize what the potential customer wants.

The ecotourist, Wood and Ron Bernthal, a travel writer and professor of Environmental Tourism at the State University of New York, is about 50 years old, college-educated, relatively affluent and less likely than most tourists to have children still living at home. He's looking for a wilderness environment so he "will spend more money for less infrastructure," Wood added.

The ecotourist also differs from the adventure-traveler because he "doesn't go kayaking to exercise his skills but to seek out a secluded place," Bernthal said. He likes to do things on his own, so the best technique is sometimes to provide him with the information he needs and let him go on a self-guided hike or bike tour. He also "likes to see local people on bikes, or backpacking" and he "likes

tradition, history and local culture."

One problem with ecotourism, Bernthal continued, "is that it's becoming trendy" and upscale facilities and tourist-oriented activities displace the local culture that this type of tourist wants to see.

Facilities for ecotourists should not be invasive or harmful to the environment or to the local people, Bernthal and other speakers emphasized. Mark Petrucci, director of certification and compliance for Green Seal, gave hotel owners some tips on how to keep hotels environmentally friendly.

Buy energy-efficient equipment and occupancy sensors because lights are often left on in empty hotel rooms, Petrucci advised. Look for recycled paper products but don't give up if you don't like the first ones you try because often you have to try several brands before you find one that meets your needs.

Water-efficient shower heads can also help to reduce the 218 gallons of water that the average hotel uses per day, and a change in packaging can reduce the amount of soap and shampoo that gets washed down the drain.

"Gallons of these products are washed down the sink" because of spillage or because they come packaged in "little plastic bottles or little bars of soap" that are thrown away half-used when that guest checks out, Petrucci said.

He advises hotel owners to switch to pump dispensers "that only need to be refilled once a month and that will pay for themselves within eight months."

Hampton Roads presents unique opportunities for entrepreneurs

Interested in capitalizing on the ecotourism market, the speakers said. They pointed to the Norfolk International Airport's setting in the Botanical Gardens and the proximity of secluded beaches to Virginia Beach's commercial strip as an example of how urban facilities already blend with nature in this area.

Those who attended the symposium agreed that the opportunities are out there. "I want to package kayaking, hiking and biking," said Greg Etel, owner of Sandbridge Outfitters. Etel, who hopes that his new business will be open by June, said that he'd like to create "a public-private venture" by working with city, state and federal employees to promote ecotourism at nearby parks and beaches, including False Cape State Park and Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

"Ecotourism forces us to look at development in a new way," Wood said. "Business will need to work with the state parks to develop an environmentally sensitive product."

Singing psychiatrist

Dr. David Faber is a psychiatrist with Sentara Mental Health Management, but he is also a "closet" night club singer who is making his dream come true Saturday during The Cabaret at Uncle Louie's. A Virginia Beach resident, Faber will feature tunes of Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Stephen Sondheim and Johnny Mercer in his act. His accompanist will be Lane Dare, long familiar to WHRO-TV viewers as chief fund-raiser and "Pledge Drive Mother hen." Faber performs at 7 and 9 p.m. at the 132 E. Little Creek Rd. venue. Call 480-1225 for more information.



Trail cut off

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along Princess Anne Road to make the trail continuous.

Since it is fragmented, it is not approved by VDOT/ISTEA for funding.

The neighbors would not agree to continue the alignment but to have no paving or improvements through the neighborhoods. This option had been approved for funding by DOT/ISTEA.

The staff has commended that a future trail be developed with Princess Anne Road along Lake Ridge property connecting the existing trail ending at Winterberry Lane to Princess Anne Road when it is expanded. This will allow for a continuous route with access to the amenities and destinations along this corridor.

This option, however, will delay the continuation of the trail and cause the loss of the ISTEA grant. Frankfield said that it is possible that the grant could be applied to another trail projects in Virginia Beach.

It didn't take long to get volunteers. Councilman Louis R. Jones said that his Bayside Borough could use the grant for trails; he has received calls from people on Shore Drive and Northampton Boulevard. Ditto, councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. for

Lynnhaven Borough and councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn.

Frankfield said that VDOT's requirements are that the trail be continuous. Much is the problem, he said, resulted because the trail would go directly through a cul de sac with homes where 13 children under seven live.

Frankfield said that he was concerned with precedent setting more trails would be located along roads and not through neighborhoods.

Top quality for the grant, the trail would not only have to be continuous physically, but continuous in the grant period. He said that the concept was to provide a continuous system. It was not a question of just bikes, walkers, joggers, skaters and horses.

City Manager James K. Spore said that the city will incorporate the trails in road construction.

Frankfield said that there will be some kind of trail along the Southeastern Parkway.

One of the problems, especially in the country, is that people don't stay on the right-of-way. Another problem in rural areas, he said, is that motorists don't share the road.

In this case, Spore said, stopping the project was correct. There would be some conflict with the Southeastern Parkway resulting in wasted funds.

Beach Symphony hosts Israeli-born pianist

Israeli-born pianist Izhak Gartenberg will appear as guest soloist with the Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of David S. Kunkel, for a performance of Saint Saens' "Piano Concerto No. 2." The concert will be held at the Pavilion Theatre in Virginia Beach on Sunday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Gartenberg, a resident of Norfolk and a high school senior at Norfolk Academy, has won a variety of musical competitions, including the 1997 Young Performing Artists Competition, sponsored by Hampton's First Presbyterian Church, the 1995 Bland Instrumental Music Competition, the 1992 State Competition of the Virginia

Music Teachers Association, and the Piano Competition at Old Dominion University. Also, he has participated in the Young Artists' Piano Program at Tanglewood, MA, as well as the Virginia Commonwealth University Honors Music Institute.

The Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra concert also will include performances of Smetana's "Meadows and Forests" and Grofe's "Grand Canyon Suite."

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Noted journalist addresses graduates at Virginia Wesleyan

John Seigenhalter Jr., founder of the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University, will deliver Virginia Wesleyan College's commencement address Saturday.

Approximately 250 seniors and more than 4,000 guests will participate in the hour-long ceremony at 11 a.m. on the campus' Rose Hall Lawn. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Harrison Opera House.

Dr. William R. Shealy, retiring professor of religious studies at Wesleyan, will be the baccalaureate speaker Friday at 7 p.m. The service will be held at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, 19th Street and Pacific Avenue.

A former president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Seigenhalter served for 43 years as an award-winning journalist for *The Tennessean*, Nashville's morning paper. In 1982, he became founding editorial editor of *USA Today*.



John Seigenhalter Sr. and served in that position for 10 years.

He retired 1991 from both *USA Today* and *The Tennessean*.

Seigenhalter is a regular guest on "Freedom Speaks," a national television program appearing on 112 PBS stations, and hosts a weekly book review program, "A Word on Words."

HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

Congressman Sisisky to speak at ODU graduation

Graduation ceremonies for more than 2,100 Old Dominion University students are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10 at Foreman Field. In case of rain, the commencement



Sisisky

will be held at 4 p.m. in Norfolk Scope.

A baccalaureate service is set for 1 p.m. Friday, May 9, in the Diehn Fine and Performing Arts Center.

U.S. Rep. Norman Sisisky, congressman from Virginia's Fourth District for the past 15 years, will be the commencement speaker.

A Richmond native, Sisisky served in World War II and received a bachelor's degree in business and administration from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1949. He transformed a small Petersburg bottling company into a highly successful soft drink distributor before being elected to Congress in 1982.

Sisisky was first elected to public office in 1973 as a delegate from Petersburg to Virginia's General Assembly, where he served five con-

secutive terms. As a U.S. congressman, he is a senior member of many government committees, including the House Committee on National Security and the Subcommittee on Military Readiness. He is also a member of the Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities.

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During his tenure on the National Security Committee, Sisisky has taken the lead in protecting Virginia's military facilities. He was a strong advocate for funding a new Nimitz-class aircraft carrier, which was regarded as key to preserving 10,000 jobs in Hampton Roads.

Sisisky has received many prestigious honors, including the Douglas MacArthur Award, the Guardian of Small Business Award, the Golden Bulldog Award and the Concord Deficit Hawk Award.

The university will present honorary doctorates to Patricia T. Rouse and Dr. Juan Murillo Montero II of

Chesapeake at commencement.

Rouse, a Norfolk native, made her mark on Hampton Roads as an outstanding community service advocate and business leader. She served on Old Dominion's Board of Visitors from 1952 to 1968, and is the vice president and secretary of the Enterprise Foundation, a charitable corporation that has helped provide more than 43,000 homes to low-income Americans. In 1995, Rouse and her late husband, James W. Rouse, were honored as the Maryland Philanthropists of the Year by the National Society of Fund-Raising Executives.

Montero moved to Virginia from the Philippine Islands over 30 years ago. He became a citizen of the United States in 1974 and is in private practice in general and thoracic surgery. In addition to managing his own practice, Montero has provided health care to migrant workers on the Eastern Shore and established the Chesapeake Care Free Clinic, which offers medical services for the uninsured working poor.

Montero serves on the board of trustees of the Educational Foundation at Old Dominion. He has written many books and scientific papers, and is a recipient of the Most Outstanding Community Service by a

Physician Award from the Medical Society of Virginia as well as the Gold Medal Governor's Award for Volunteering Excellence. At Old Dominion's Founders' Day program last fall, he received the university's Community Service Award.

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Business

James S. Gilmore III will be the guest speaker for the May Central Business District Association at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21 at the Clarion Hotel-Pembroke Corporate Center, 4453 Bonney Rd. The cost of the luncheon is \$15.50 for member and \$20.50 for non-members. Reservations are required and will be accepted through Friday, May 16. For further information, call 490-7812.

Civic

City councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn (Kempsville Borough) will host a monthly town meeting on Thursday, May 15 at Kempsville High School cafeteria from 7-9 p.m. Topic of discussion is "Highlights of the Adopted Budget." All Virginia Beach citizens are invited to attend to obtain information and/or voice their concerns.

Clubs

The Adam Thoroughgood Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its monthly meeting on May 15 at 10 a.m. at the home of Ms. Sherry Slate at 612 Surfside Ave. For more information, call Jo Anne Mathias at 437-9131.

The Lynnhaven Parish Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at the Francis Land House, 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd., on Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. Regent Mary Ellen Williams will conduct this final meeting of the club year.

Mary Weed Vose will introduce Vicki Harvey, education specialist at the Francis Land House, who will speak on "Historic Homes of Princess Anne County." Judith Kneppers will install the chapter's new officers for 1997-99.

The Hampton Roads Chapter of The Retired Officers Association will meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16 at the Fort Story Officers Club. Congressman Owen Pickett will be the principal speaker. Both members and non-members are cordially

invited to attend. For reservations, call 583-1726 no later than Tuesday, May 13, and leave your name, phone, number attending, and menu choice of either veal or chicken.

The Tidewater Division of the National Model Railroad Association (N.M.R.A.) will hold its May meeting from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10 at the Norfolk Naval Air Station in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America "Scout Fest" Jamboree.

Government

The regular meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Commission will be held on Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the Agricultural Conference Room, Municipal Center.

Health

The Virginia Beach Department of Public Health presents "Come Dine With Us," a series of fun and educational nutrition classes which focuses on healthy, low fat eating. Each class, conducted by a Registered Dietitian, will include a cooking demonstration, sampling of prepared foods, recipes and more. The next class, Favorite Recipes, is being held Tuesday, May 27 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd., Meeting Room A. Cost for the program is \$5. To register or for more information call Sharlene Keeling at 631-4000.

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Legends of Beach's past haunt Francis Land House

By BOB RUEGSEGG
Sun Correspondent

Practically every city and town in the nation has its local legends.

Key West boasts macho man Ernest Hemingway. Charlottesville proudly embraces renaissance man Thomas Jefferson. And Baltimore celebrates the master of the macabre, Edgar Allan Poe.

Virginia Beach is certainly no exception. Museum Education Specialist Vicki Harvey of the Francis Land House feels that "Virginia Beach history is so incredibly interesting on a lot of different levels that it surprises people."

Celebrating its 11th anniversary as a museum, the Francis Land House is promoting local history with its "Legends of the Beach" program on Friday, May 16 from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. This program is open to the public and free of charge as part of the Francis Land House's anniversary observation.

"We started it as just our 10th anniversary program and realized it was just a fun, fun, fun time," explained Harvey. "It's very educational. We look at it as family entertainment," she added.

While not generally as renowned as Hemingway, Jefferson and Poe, the legends of Virginia Beach are certainly no less intriguing or diverse.

Participants will meet Blackbeard the pirate — portrayed by Ben Cherry — and learn of his infamous exploits along the Atlantic Coast.

Blackbeard, Edward Teach, intentionally developed a reputation for ruthlessness because he believed that it made his job easier; in Blackbeard's mind, intimidated victims were easier prey.

According to Donald Shomette in his book "Pirates on the Chesapeake," Blackbeard "toyed with brutality almost as an avocation."

For example, Blackbeard, without provocation, shot his pilot — Israel Hands — in the knee, crippling him for life just to remind his crew who the boss was.

Virginia Governor Alexander Spotswood sent Lt. Robert Maynard with two sloops — the Jane and Ranger — down to North Carolina to either capture or kill Blackbeard. Blackbeard was killed in the Battle of Ocracoke Inlet in which the waters surrounding the combatant

ships were said to have turned red with blood.

After being stabbed twenty-five times and shot five times, Blackbeard dropped to the deck of the Jane dead. Blackbeard's massive head was severed and fastened to the bowsprit of the Adventure.

When the ship reached the Hampton River near Kecoughan, the severed head was detached from the bowsprit and mounted on a pole to warn others who might consider piracy as an "alternate lifestyle."

After several years of being elevated on that pole — according to legend — the skull was removed from the pole and the crown of Blackbeard's skull was made into a large drinking cup.

After the disconcerting encounter with Edward Teach, a nice neighborly chat with Grace Sherwood — portrayed by Molly Kratt — the Witch of Pungo might prove to be relaxing.

Grace Sherwood, who was beautiful, independent and flirtatious, was not well-liked by her neighbors — especially the ladies. She was accused of

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What: Legends of the Beach program.

Where: Francis Land House.

When: Friday, May 16, 5-8 p.m.

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turning into a black cat, sailing to England in an eggshell, and bewitching crops and cattle.

Of course, no real evidence was presented that Grace was in league with the Devil. Grace agreed to trial by water and survived the "ducking" which proved her guilt according to custom. Her body was also examined for marks of the Devil by a jury of women. Needless to say, such incriminating marks were found. She was found guilty of witchcraft and spent the next seven years in jail.

The real devil in the Grace Sherwood saga was the demon jealousy. Apparently, the neighborhood ladies resented her beauty and flirtatiousness; they found a way to keep her out of circulation for a time.

It was also mentioned by



Photo by Bob Ruegsegger

WELCOME TO YESTERYEAR. The Francis Land House will host "Legends of the Past" from 5 - 8 p.m. on May 16.

Florence Kimberly Turner in "Gateway to the New World" that Grace was in the habit of dancing naked in the moonlight which might have had a bewitching effect upon any gentleman that happened to be fortunate enough to witness such an wanton exhibition.

Tragedy is no stranger to beach legend, and no commemoration of Virginia Beach history would be complete without the story of the Norwegian Lady and the doomed bark Dictator.

On March 27, 1891, the Norwegian bark Dictator ran aground off Virginia Beach. Although rescuers worked gallantly to save the lives of those stranded aboard the stricken vessel, there were a number of lives lost in the calamity — among them the lives of Captain Jorgensen's wife and son.

This shipwreck tragedy seemed to capture the hearts and souls of the local population who would not allow this catastrophe to be forgotten.

While the figurehead of the Dictator — the first Norwegian Lady — stood at 16th Street as a memorial for 60 years, its present location is a mystery. Somehow, after being removed for restoration, the original figurehead was lost, stolen or misplaced. Perhaps, the original figurehead will eventually turn up.

If not, Bob Harvey has been working on a half-size model of the original as a woodcarving project. "Legends of the Beach" participants will be afforded the opportunity to view the wood

sculpture as a work in progress.

Program visitors can also learn of the lives of the Native American Chesapeans whose main village was named Chesopoc which was located on Great Neck Point near Lynnhaven Inlet. As the English landed at Cape Henry in April 26, 1607 to begin their settlement of Virginia, the Chesapean civilization was in decline. Before long, the Chesapeans would fade into history.

Colonial Williamsburg's Department of African-American Interpretations and Presentations will invite visitors to join in a program of storytelling and music which characterized early African-American life on an 18th century working plantation.

Land House visitors can also listen to William Balderson of Living History Associates as William "Berry" Jenkins who will give an "eyewitness" account of the Battle Off the Capes which sealed the fate of the British Army at Yorktown and insured American independence.

Other expected legends include Mrs. Burwell of 17th-century Lower Norfolk County, Private Luke Hill of the Virginia Militia and Surfin Sam of the Old Coast Guard Station in Virginia Beach.

"The greatest thing about this program is that our visitors are constantly amazed at how much history is here in Virginia Beach," said Vicki Harvey. "I had more fun last year watching the families just go from place to place and hearing the kids have a good time with what was going on," she added.



Courtesy Photo

BLACKBEARD RELIVED. Ben Cherry will portray the legendary pirate Blackbeard during "Legends of the Beach" on Friday, May 16 at the Francis Land House.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Kitchens are heart of home

Everyone in the market for a new home, as well as those interested in remodeling an existing one, knows the meaning of "sticker shock" when visiting model homes or kitchen design showrooms.

It's hard to find high quality and good design at an affordable price, especially in the kitchen.

"The kitchen often is the focal point of family activity," says John Stephenson, head of design at Yorktowne Cabinets, a leading manufacturer of stock wood cabinetry.

"In fact, some people call it the 'heart' of the home, so its appearance and practicality are important considerations."

What are the most common mistakes in kitchen design? Stephenson reports that many people sacrifice quality for space, then use the space inefficiently.

He recommends a basic floor plan with a work triangle not exceeding 12 linear feet between the range, refrigerator and sink.

"You don't want to spend the next 20 years walking more miles in the kitchen than you have to, so practical design is crucial."

If you have the luxury of

additional space, create satellite work areas and expanded storage capability for infrequently used items outside the work triangle."

Stephenson points out that stock cabinetry with a wide range of cabinet sizes and optional features lets you achieve the look of an expensive custom kitchen at affordable prices.

"You can certainly extend your budget," he says, "and, at the same time, achieve a look you'll be proud of through the years."

He uses wall cabinets to create islands, for instance, and produces interesting storage areas for appliances and other kitchen necessities behind tambour doors. "Imagination and creativity are the keys," Stephenson says.

Area home schoolers explore options

Sat. conference gave experience and non-experienced helpful advice

By PENNY POWELL
Sun Correspondent

Hundreds of parents and parents-to-be turned out Saturday for the third annual home educator's conference, where experienced home schoolers and non-home schoolers were provided with tips and support.

Others were given information to determine whether or not home schooling was actually for them.

Was the first year Virginia Beach hosted the event, traditionally held in Chesapeake.

"Chesapeake Central Library actually initiated the program, and in the first year they realized that a lot of the people who attended the conference resided in Virginia Beach. They invited us to join with them in the planning of the conference. We assisted them last year to learn how to do it this year," explained Kempville librarian Judy Pate.

The planning committee included the two libraries and some home school educators.

"We consider this to be like a teacher's work day," said Pate, noting it's an opportunity for home schoolers to assemble and share their processes, problems and potential solutions.

"We're hoping to inspire them with new ideas and new ways of doing things."

Those unsure about home schooling were required to participate in Track A, while Tracks B and C had been designed for the experienced.

The conference was designed around the theme "Home Schooling: Developing Your Child's Potential."



Photos by Penny Powell

HOMESCHOOLERS UNITE. Those who opt to teach their children at home, and those considering the possibility, gathered for the annual home schoolers conference Saturday. Participants come mainly from Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.

Virginia Beach resident Alma Britt, who had registered for Track B, was particularly interested in a trouble-shooting workshop. She also wanted "to pick up some tips from other home schoolers and educators."

Britt, who is approaching her second year as a home school educator, teaches her 10-year-old daughter, Aliyah.

"It's tough at times, but with the support of people like those attending and sponsoring this conference, it's been a smooth transition for us — from private school and into public school to home school. I felt like I had more of a responsibility for my daughter's education and the things that she was learning than the public schools," said Britt.

She added, "I felt that I was just as equipped as many of the teachers, so I'm enjoying it, and we've established a rapport that I couldn't have established any other way."

She said her daughter's socialization skills are kept up through participation in various

extracurricular activities as well as field trips with home schooling groups. There are at least 25 such groups in the Tidewater area.

Conference participants came mostly from Virginia Beach and Chesapeake, but Michael and Linda Ludden had traveled from Elizabeth City, N.C. They have been home schooling for about 2 1/2 years. The Luddens attended to get information before moving on to the next level.

"We want to prepare for high school, so we came up for the conference because it takes a lot of preparation," she said as she and her husband awaited a workshop.

It's no surprise that the Luddens want to continue their home school journey.

"We're real happy home schooling — tremendously happy," noted Linda. "You can hear the direction that your child is interested in — their needs."

The Luddens say that they also appreciate the flexibility of being able to "take things slower in one subject," and perhaps, moving a

little quicker in another.

John Stewart welcomed all participants to the Virginia Beach Central Library.

"In preparing for the conference today, I did some reading about the home school experience," he explained, probing the confusion potential home schoolers often face about this big step. "One mother said, 'The joy of home schooling is that I can always be with my children. Conversely, the agony of home schooling is that I am always with my children.'"

The crowd laughed.

"Well, we're with your children, too," Stewart noted, "and I wanted to take just a few moments to say why I'm so pleased that we are doing this in a public library." We have made the decision to add to your role as parents — as mother or as father. You have decided to add to those roles the role of educator, and we have decided to stand by you. I believe that public libraries are essentially family-friendly places."

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'Berried' treasure awaits

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Nelson Brock until building his own home in 1975. He has been involved with the festival since 1986, serving as an active board member for two years. He has assisted in various ways since that time; most recently, helping with the sale of festival T-shirts.

"It's a very humbling experience as a non-native, so to speak," he said. "I ask the public to come out and attend. If you've already been to Pungo, come on back."

Janet considers herself a Virginia Beach native since she has lived here more than 40 years. A "semi-native" of Pungo since her marriage to Jack in 1984, Janet has been a festival board member since 1986.

Janet began as board secretary in 1986, becoming treasurer in 1990. She also works for the city's Department of Parks and Recreation.

Spore, who oversees municipal operations for more than 400,000 residents, is looking forward to his latest leadership role as parade grand marshal.

"The festival is one of our hometown success stories," Spore noted, briefly sampling a plump, Pungo-raised strawberry.

"We brag about it wherever we go and talk about our volunteer, grassroots way of getting things done — the Virginia Beach way and the Pungo way."

Honorary child Gregory is one of those "hometown" successes. The daughter of Cecil Clay and Lucille Wilkerson Flanagan, who farmed and raised fowl and livestock in Virginia Beach for more than 50 years. She was in the last graduating class of Creeds High School.

A graduate of Mary Washington College, Gregory taught second grade at John B. Dey Elementary from 1958 to 1963 and has been a member of Charity United Methodist Church for 51 years. She is married to David W. Gregory Jr., a mechanical engineer. The couple has three grown sons.

"This is home. It's country," she said, describing what makes Pungo a special place. "The neighbors are willing to help each other out and are here when you need them."

Part of the festival is held on the Gregory property, and as which she is casting just one spell, "For good weather."

What's in store for 1997 Pungo Strawberry Festival-goers?

■ Kicking off on Friday, May 23, the festival and Beach Events/Collar Door productions will host the Strawberry Big Band Concerts through Sunday, May 25 at 24th Street Stage. Admission is free.

Go back in time with Big Band favorites Dick Crist and The Sounds of Swing on Friday, The Pat Curtis Orchestra on Saturday and Dreamstreet on Sunday. All concerts are at 7 p.m.

■ On Saturday morning the sounds of music and marching feet will be heard across the strawberry fields as the annual parade winds through downtown Pungo beginning at 11 a.m. More than 75 units will participate.

The festival officially kicks off that morning at 9 a.m. and continues through 9 p.m. nightly.

■ The Johnson and Wales University-College of Culinary Arts cooking contest will tempt the palate. The cook-off begins



THE DIGITARIES: Pungo's 1997 honorees make their grand entrance in a convertible. City Manager James K. Spore, left, in parade grand marshal, while Jack and Janet Dowdy, center, are honorary mayor and first lady. Ann Flanagan Gregory is this year's witch.

Entertainment line-up

The family entertainment lineup is an especially big draw at the Pungo Strawberry Festival. Action will be featured on three stages:

■ Saturday's Strawberry Stage — opening ceremony, 10:15 a.m.; Johnson and Wales Strawberry Cook-off, 1 p.m.; awards presentation, 1:45 p.m.; pie-eating contest, 2 p.m.; Bobby the Clown, 3 p.m.; Hearts on Fire, 4 p.m.; Magic by Dan, 5:30 p.m.

■ Sunday's Strawberry Stage — 11:30 a.m., Goodfellas; noon, Magic by Dan; 1 p.m., Hunky-Dorey and Okie Dokie; 2 p.m., TBA; 3 p.m., Dragon Force Karate; 4 p.m., Bobby the Clown; 5 p.m., TBA; 6 p.m., juggler Tim Noland.

Saturday's Pungo Stage — 9:30 a.m., Two Can Jam; noon, Rawhide and Roses; 12:15 p.m., The Tina Simen Band; 2 p.m., U.S. Atlantic Fleet 4-Star

Edition; 4 p.m., Lennon and McCartney-The '60s Beat; 5:15 p.m., The Lewis McGhee Group; 5:15 p.m.

■ Sunday's Pungo Stage — 9 a.m., The Joys; 10 a.m., old Time Gospel; 10 a.m., Londonaires; 12:30 p.m., Hotcakes; 2:30 p.m., Tributes by Bob Glass with the Exit Band; 4 p.m., TBA; 5:30 p.m., Liberation.

■ Saturday's Country Stage — 9:30 a.m., Muddy Creek; 12:15 p.m., Flatland Cloggers; 1:15 p.m., Rawhide and Roses; 2:15 p.m., Wildheart; 4:15 p.m., Chesapeake Bay Cloggers; 5:45, Tonya Rose with Streetalk.

■ Sunday's Country Stage — 9:45 a.m., Dixie Rock Bluegrass; 11 a.m., Solid Rock; 12:15 p.m., Wildfire; 2:30 p.m., Shades of Country with Troy Hedspeith; 4:30 p.m., Dazzlin' Image Cloggers; 5:30 p.m., Roadkill.

In addition to the large petting zoo, pony rides, livestock club displays several 4-H clubs will be

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

Virginia:

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CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Paul D. Rowan for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-1 Neighborhood Business District on 4.58 acres more or less on the west side of S. Birdneck Road beginning at a point 840 feet north of Bells road and from I-2 Light Industrial District to Conditional AG-1 Agricultural District on 5.01 acres more or less located 340 feet more or less west of Birdneck Road and 840 feet more or less north of Bells Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1 and AG-1 is for an animal hospital. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for industrial use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said property contains a total of 9.59 acres more or less. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Paul D. Rowan for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Industrial District on the west side of S. Birdneck Road beginning at a point 1175 feet more or less north of Bells Road. The proposed Conditional I-1 is for light industrial land use. The

offered, while farm equipment dealers will show off their latest products, will be a large llama and bat area.

■ Visitors can relive the age of chivalry when knights and ancient kingdoms come to life through Tidewater Medievalist re-enactments.

See reproduction clothing, arts and crafts and traditional weapons throughout the Middle Ages by nobles and peasants alike. Combat demonstrations will take place each day, and fictional Queen and King Alaria will pay visits.

■ If you're a military buff — and there are certainly thousands in Hampton Roads — the annual military display is sure to please. On hand will be representatives from all armed forces and the Coast Guard.

■ If old cars are your thing, the antique and unique car expo will have you singing. Fulford Family Racing will supply a variety of alcohol, funny cars, and NASCAR/drag racing vehicles and huge monster trucks will be out in force.

For more information about the weekend, check out the Pungo Strawberry Festival Website at: http://www.pinn.net/pungo_straw_berry/festival.

Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for industrial use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 7.28 acres more or less. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

An Ordinance upon Application of Paul D. Rowan for a Conditional Use Permit for an animal hospital on certain property located on the west side of S. Birdneck Road, 840 feet north of Bells Road. Said parcel contains 15 acres more or less. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE City Clerk

All interested parties are invited to attend. If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD-Telephonic Device for the Deaf) 19-1 25-16

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

1. An Ordinance upon Application of CMSS Architects for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District and B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on the following parcels: Parcel 1: From R-10 to Conditional A-18 on property located 180 feet more or less north of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 700 feet more or less east of S. Parliament Drive.

Parcel 2: From B-2 to Conditional A-18 on property located on the north side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 730 feet more or less east of S. Parliament Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban medium density residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 2.72 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Zimmer Development Co. of Virginia, L.P., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District and B-2 Community Business District to Conditional B-1 Neighborhood Business District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Princess Anne Road and S. Parliament Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to B-1 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for single family residential at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.6 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District, B-2 Community Business District, R-10 Residential District and P-1 Preservation District and H-1 Hotel District to AG-1 Agricultural District on certain property located 2,000 feet more or less southeast of the intersection of Princess Anne Road and Dam Neck Roads. The proposed zoning classification change to AG-1 is for agricultural land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for agricultural use in accordance with Plan policies regarding Transitional Area 1. Said parcels contain 1,112 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: 4. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature (golf course, clubhouse and associated facilities) on certain property located 2500 feet more or less southeast of the intersection of Princess Anne Road and Judicial Boulevard. Said parcel contains 310 acres more or less. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature (multi-purpose stadium & associated facilities) on certain property located 2000 feet southeast of the intersection of Princess Anne and Dam Neck Roads. Said parcel contains 153 acres more or less. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

STREET CLOSURE: LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH

6. Application of Mark R. Lichtenstein for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Synod Street beginning at the southern boundary of 55th Street and running in a southerly direction a distance of 105.10 feet along the eastern boundary of Synod Street. Said parcel is variously described as 4.102 square feet. LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH.

AMENDMENT: 7. Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordin Section 1521 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to drive-through facilities in the RT-3 Resort Tourist District.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS ARE ON FILE AND MAY BE EXAMINED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING FOR INFORMATION, CALL 427-4621.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE City Clerk

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PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH 1. An Ordinance upon Application of Joseph Overholt, Trustee Overholt Trust for a Conditional Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southwest corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Salem Road. The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban medium residential at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 15 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE City Clerk

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NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that at the meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to be held on the 27th day of May, 1997, at 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall of the City of Virginia Beach, Princess Anne Station, the undersigned will petition the Council for the appointment of Viewers to view the below-described portion of those certain streets and reports to the City Council whether in the opinion of the Viewers, what, if any, inconvenience would result from the vacating, closing and discontinuance of same, the said portion of said streets being described as follows:

PINE STREET: A portion of a Right of Way known as Pine Street, beginning at a point which is the northeastern intersection of Pine Street and Fourth Street and running thence South 04°22'17"W a distance of 457.03 feet to the intersection of South Boulevard, said Right of Way being 66.01 feet in width.

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All of which aforesaid streets are shown on a certain Plat entitled "PLAT SHOWING A PORTION OF PINE STREET AND POPLAR STREET TO BE CLOSED, LYNNAHVEN BOROUGH-VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, April 28, 1997", which plat is attached hereto as Exhibit A-1.

At that time, anyone affected may appear and present his views.

After the report of the Viewers is received, at the next regular meeting of the City Council, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be placed on the agenda, the undersigned will Petition the City Council to vacate, close and discontinue those portions of the aforesaid streets in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, described above.

WM. DAVID TIMBERLAKE

Of Council

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Council budget barrage

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to fund schools and the city from natural revenue growth, he said, and should be "cleaner and Meaner."

Cynthia Asuaga said her main concern is the senior citizens. She said that senior citizens, some who have to return to work during what should be their retirement years, receive no benefits from the facilities going up. She said there is no need for a tax increase.

Terry Elliott, accompanied by a boy pulling a wagon containing sand, a soccer ball and a golf club, said he was opposed to soccer, sand and golf. It's time, he said, that city council put its priorities in "children, children, children." He said that council should trash revenue sharing which will result in all the speakers being before you next

year. If you refuse to give a soccer, sand and golf, vote for a tax increase for the schools.

"Why is it that children are always on referendum? Under the revenue sharing plan, if the school board wants more money it has the option of requesting a referendum. Dick McKinney also called for funding the school board budget. He said there is no lack of money, just a lack of priorities.

He said that city council has identified education as a top priority, but has spent or is spending \$5 million for a PGA course, \$9 million for a soccer stadium which will never pay for itself, and \$103 million for a seawall project.

He said he appreciated the fact that Virginia Beach is a resort, but the seawall is designed only to withstand a category one storm.



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Modern day frontiersmen accurately recapture past

By BOB RUEGSEGGER
Sun Correspondent

Virginia Beach's historic Lynnhaven House welcomed members of the Chesapeake Bay Fur Company, a family-oriented historical re-enactment club, to its grounds for a weekend group encampment.

The Lynnhaven House, owned by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and the Chesapeake Bay Fur Company enjoyed what biologists call a "symbiotic" relationship.

This "Frontiersman Encampment" promotion was a mutual benefit to both the historic house and the re-enactment club. It provided Lynnhaven House visitors an additional incentive to visit at the 18th-century Thelaball home at no additional charge while it also served as an opportunity for the re-enactment group to meet the public and recruit new members.

Shirley Bueche, Lynnhaven House administrator, felt that the encampment program was "very informative for the public — and for the children especially."

She added, "I like them to come and see how people lived and the things they did back in those days."

When folks in Virginia Beach hear the word "frontiersman," it

brings to mind Davy Crockett, Daniel Boone, Ben Hardy, Jim Bridger and — after the weekend encampment at the Lynnhaven House — probably the Chesapeake Bay Fur Company as well.

Whether they're viewed as a black powder, buckskinner or re-enactment club, they certainly make an enduring impression.

When folks in Virginia Beach hear the word "frontiersmen" it brings to mind Davy Crockett, Daniel Boone, Ben Hardy, Jim Bridger — after the weekend encampment.

President Bob Harrison and his wife, Jill, have been members of the Chesapeake Bay Fur Company for almost 12 years.

Coincidentally, Harrison first came in contact with the organization on the very grounds of the Lynnhaven House. Harrison's interest in black powder

shooting led him to join this re-enactment group whose primary goal is to "educate all age groups in the arts and skills required to live and survive in the early wilderness."

Club members select a character and a time period, research that time frame then they "dress, camp and act like them while having fun reliving history and teaching others." Among the members of the Chesapeake Bay Fur Company are longhunters, traders, rappers, scouts, colonial militiamen, mountain men, and their women.

Harold Davis, who has chosen to portray a Chesapeake Bay Fur Company trader in the year 1800 (about the time of the Lewis and Clark expedition), was in camp with his family — and his pets.

Davis was eager to share what he knows on the types and quality of the animal furs and hides in his inventory. A red fox, raccoon, bobcat, badger, deer, buffalo, beaver, skunk, coyote, opossum, elk, river otter, and bear were among them.

Davis picked up a pelt and commented, "Yeah, this is a red fox. The part they use is about this wide — the rest they throw away." He added, "This where all the guard hairs are — the thick hide — because the animal's back is always to the weather."

In addition to the selection of animal pelts, the Davis camp site had an amazing variety of authentic-looking equipment and materials.

"Most everything in camp is replica of the time frame. Very few pieces that you'll see today are actually original," Davis pointed out. "Now beads, I've got a lot of beads that are originals," he said fingering one of several necklaces that dangled from his neck.

"This is an actual trade-bead necklace. This one would show that I'm a very wealthy man; that I'm actually here to deal with you honestly," explained Davis, "because I have my money out in plain sight."

"I would barter with the chief or with the other trappers," Davis said. Eventually the fur trader would offer a section of beads from the necklace for a stack of pelts. "I'd just cut it, give it to him, and tie it back up," explained Davis.

"On here — this necklace — are bear claws a symbol of courage, strength and bravery. A thimble is a symbol that you are handy that you can sew and do a few things," Davis noted.

"This necklace says an awful lot without saying a word," he added. "If I were to turn this necklace around and my claws were positioned like this [turned outward] the tribe would know that I had a problem ... that had to be worked out."

The trader and tribal chief



Photos by Bob Ruegsegger

FAMILY AFFAIR. The Chesapeake Bay Fur Company's Harold, Mary, Susan and Becky Davis, from left, enjoyed a weekend encampment at the historic Lynnhaven House.

would discuss the dispute and usually settle it peacefully.

How does his family like living the life of a frontier family at encampments? "The kids love it!" responded Davis.

"The babies have been coming since they were three weeks old," he said.

His wife, Susan, confirmed it. "Of course, they only stayed for the day because it was too cold at night," Davis pointed out.

Also on hand was Doug Berger who portrayed a longhunter of the 1700s. Berger impressed Jim Kalista and his sons, McCrae and Colson, with flintlock and percussion weapons, tomahawks and assorted camp site accouterments. Berger's most impressive demonstration involved starting a fire with a spark made from striking flint with steel.

Berger also stressed the value placed upon authenticity among re-enactors. Some folks are really very particular about what is "acceptable" in terms of equipment and paraphernalia. Others are somewhat more flexible.

Wristwatches, for instance, are strictly faux pas. A buckskinner caught wearing a wristwatch while in period garb might be forced to endure much friendly derision before such a blunder was forgotten.

Bob Harrison acknowledged that "authenticity is what we all strive for." In starting out Harrison readily conceded that people just can't always "be completely authentic."

The club's Historical Accuracy Committee is responsible for researching issues relating to accuracy and authenticity. And, according to Harrison, club members "share as much



ANACHRONISM? Buckskinners from the Chesapeake Bay Fur Company, a re-enactment group, set up camp on the grounds of Lynnhaven House — not far from Independence Boulevard.

information as they can" with new, inexperienced members.

Doug Ensley, another "buckskinner" who enjoyed the weekend encampment, boasted that he's never washed his re-enactment outfit. Frontiersman Ensley claimed that he was afraid that washing the garb might neutralize the "natural smell" that he has managed to create over time with perspiration, beeswax, tallow and gun oil.

Albeit reluctantly, Ensley finally conceded that occasionally he's allowed his clothing to be "rained on."

Apparently a stickler for both authenticity and accuracy, Ensley — as a re-enactor — values a certain amount of dirt and grime as a legitimate part of his outfit.

"If I were out there squeaky-

clean without a bit of dirt on me, would I look like a frontiersman?" he asks. "No!" he answers his own question.

Bear grease, which was used by the Indians as an insect repellent and a skin protectant, has a distinctive smell according to Ensley.

Some frontiersmen claimed to be able to smell an Indian who was upwind for considerable distances. This was not because Indians were "dirty savages" but because of the unmistakable scent of bear grease which carried in the wind.

What kind of folks are "buckskinners"? They claim that it's really quite simple to explain. Berger says, "They're good, decent people — my kind of people" while Ensley maintains that they're folks "who like to dress up [as frontiersmen] and smell wood smoke."



CAPTURING THE PAST. Jim Kalista and his son, McCrae, appeared to be mesmerized by frontiersman Doug Berger's presentation.

PA celebrates rebuilding victory

Dedicates building to late inspector

By PENNY POWELL
Sun Correspondent

From the ashes Princess Anne High School emerged stronger than ever. Supporters gathered Sunday to celebrate that victory and rededicate the new facility.

The event was so significant that President Bill Clinton sent a letter to the school, which Congressman Owen Pickett read at the weekend ceremony.

"Excellence in education is the key to our nation's future and your new school is a great symbol of success that the future holds for us — your dedication to learning is an inspiration," Clinton lauded. "I encourage the students to continue to study hard and to prepare themselves for the time when they will be the leaders and thinkers of tomorrow."

Those gathered Sunday remembered the arsonist's blaze that destroyed the school in September 1995, but they also reminisced about history beyond that.

Princess Anne High first opened after the amalgamation of the three high schools which served Princess Anne County in August 1994. It was represented by 1,558 students. Student numbers more than doubled by the early '70s to 2,800.

While the burned high school was under repair following the '95 blaze, Princess Anne students



Photo by Penny Powell

TOUCHING MOMENT. Princess Anne High School Principal Patricia Griffin, right, unveiled a plaque dedicating the rebuilt school to Dan Grigsby. The deceased schools fire inspector was represented by his wife, Robyn.

continued their lessons in a renovated shopping mall from September 1995 to December 1996. At the beginning of this year, students and staff returned to their school on Virginia Beach Boulevard to pick up where they had left off.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Timothy Jenney recalled the "sad sight" he saw at Princess Anne High when he came to the area a few months after the fire. He remembered "boarded-up windows" and other visual symbols of precautionary procedures which had to be taken after the

disaster. Mayor Meyera (referred to as "Mayor") she felt after receiving an early morning phone call from a newspaper reporter informing her about the fire.

She only hoped it had been a dream.

Principal Patricia Griffin remembered looking at the school during the wee hours of that Sept. 1 morning only to feel "helpless," and, at times, "hopeless," as she "watched the front wing burn and saw those flames jump from classroom to classroom. Our hearts sank, and

we all wondered where do we go from here?"

Although they reflected on their sad emotions during that terrible time, the time had come when they can share such stories with big smiles. The new building was clearly an indication of the good that came out of a bad situation.

"It took 21 months to bring us to this point," said Griffin.

She was proud of student fundraisers like the car washes which her teens had committed themselves to in helping to get the school to the point she spoke of.

"Who ever heard of car washes netting over \$11,000?" she wondered.

"I just felt so very proud to have this day come to fruition and to see the students and the people from around the city that joined us," Griffin concluded. "This day just made me feel proud of what this community has done. They have really accomplished a lot."

A plaque was unveiled and presented to Robyn Grigsby, the wife of the late Dan Grigsby.

The "Princess Anne High School Fire Restoration" plaque listed Virginia Beach School Board members and was dedicated in the memory of Grigsby, instruction inspector for Virginia Beach City Public Schools. Accepting the honor was an emotional moment for Grigsby's wife, who said that her modest husband would not have felt it necessary to honor him that way.

Name-calling dilemma

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members on the lawns, clerks in the post office, secretaries, nurses at the hospital next door, and a rainbow of phone callers.

Half the time, there was no reaction at all, of course. But usually, there was a blink or a smile or a pause, some slight acknowledgement that the gesture was both unexpected and was welcomed.

What rule is there that "sir" or "ma'am" have to be reserved for our elders? Why not use it for anyone, regardless of age or station in life? Why not, especially in this mass society where we no longer know everyone's name or bloodlines, assume that any one we meet deserves our respect, until they prove otherwise?

Long ago, I recall being told by a teacher not to call a woman a

lady until she had demonstrated she was one. "All ladies are women, but not all women are ladies," was the rule.

My mother, however, said the teacher was wrong. She said that we should assume all grown-up women are ladies, until they did something to prove they weren't. The teacher may have had logic on her side, but my mother had common sense and good manners on her's.

My experiment of the car wash week has ended now. It was so successful that a new habit formed quickly. Not that I am ready to move on to spreading my coat on mudpuddles, but I do call everyone "sir" or "ma'am" now... even babies whose responses are to wet their diapers or to spit up when I am holding them and drilling into them the passwords to civilization, "sir" and "ma'am."

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The Coasters

The Coasters are still going strong

When you think of the most consistent, successful, comedy/novelty act performing from the mid-50s through today, the name Coasters immediately comes to mind.

The Coasters was formed in September 1955 by Carl Gardener with the help of his writers Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller. The manager at that time, Lester Hill managed the group until 1963.

The original members were Carl Gardener, lead singer; Billy Guy, second tenor; Leon Hughes; and, the late Bobby Nunn.

The Coasters' first recorded hit was in 1956 which sold more than 500,000 copies. In 1957, they recorded "Young Blood" and "Searchin'", which sold a million copies.

Their next two big hits came when they released "Charlie Brown" and "Yakety Yak" which made the Top 10 charts.

From then on it was hit after hit with such tunes as "Along Came Jones," "Little Egypt",

"Poison Ivy", "Love Potion #9", "Zing (Went the Strings of My Heart)", and many more.

Between 1961 and 1968 there were some personal changes in the group. Cornell Gunter, Will Jones and Bill Guy left the group leaving Carl Gardener as the only original member.

They were then replaced with the present highly talented members, Ronnie Bright (formerly of the Valentines and the Cadillacs), Jimmy Norman, Thomas "Curly" Palmer (formerly of the Thompson Band).

Today, managed by Veta Gardner, wife of Carl, the group combines their own rock

'n roll standards with soul material to present humor and comedy acts.

After all these years of experience as a close-knit unit, The Coasters still hold their audiences spellbound.

The often imitated Coasters have placed more than 30 million records on the national popularity charts and have toured the entire United States with such greats as Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry, The Platters, The Shirelles, The Drifters, Fats Domino, Little Anthony, Davern Baker, Ruth Brown, Bill Haley and the Comets and The Five Satins.

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Forty-five states, including Virginia, now have some form of ride safety and licensing divisions and carnivals remain one of the safest forms of entertainment. Carnivals are considered consumer products under the Consumer Product Safety Act and injury records

are tracked for the industry by the Consumer Products Safety Commission.

Data collected between 1973 and 1994 by the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) and published by CPSC show that amusement rides rank 164th out of the 175 products tracked by the CPSC in their ranking of product related injuries. More people are injured by basketball pick games, exercise equipment and even billiards than on amusement rides.

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To add to our personal and caring traditions, Twiford Funeral Home announces the association of Luanne Bradner as pre-need counselor and embalmer of the Colonial Chapel in Great Bridge.

Luanne, a former dental assistant, began working at Twiford Colonial Chapel in 1986 as a part-time secretary/receptionist. While gaining interest and experience in the business, she began serving an internship and attending a school for funeral service.

In 1995, she graduated from the funeral service program at John Tyler Community College in Chester at the top of her class with a 4.0 grade point average and received a National Board Certificate awarded by the Conference of

Funeral Service Examining Boards of the United States.

Luanne specializes in the field of embalming, cosmetology, hairdressing, and re-constructive surgery. Her special attention to detail and just having that "woman's touch" surpasses all expectations that families have of how their deceased loved ones should look.

Luanne strongly believes in the process of pre-planning which allows individuals to plan their final wishes, sparing loved ones from having to make critical decisions in their time of grief.

Gregory T. Bradner, Sr., Luanne's husband, has managed Twiford Colonial Chapel for nine years. He has been in funeral service for over 20 years and served his internship in a funeral home in Lynchburg. He was with a local South Norfolk funeral home for four years before joining Twiford Funeral Home. Greg holds a funeral service license in Virginia and North Carolina. He graduated from Gupton Jones College of Mortuary Service, Atlanta, Ga., with Scholastic Achievement, and received a National Board Certificate awarded by the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards of the United States.

Greg is the past president of Gideon's International,

Chesapeake Camp and past president of the Tidewater Funeral Directors Association and is currently a member of Veteran's Foreign Wars, post 4809 and the American Legion, post 280.

In 1991, Twiford Colonial Chapel was awarded the three year Naval contract and is now serving a second three year term. During the first term Greg and Luanne was awarded a certificate of Professional Achievement signed by Admiral McDaniel in support of the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth.

Greg and Luanne reside next to the funeral home along with their 19-month-old son, Gregory Kyle.

The Twiford staff also includes Jamie Arnold, who is currently serving his internship and will be attending John Tyler Community College's funeral service program in the fall; Felicia Hopkins, office manager; Harold Kidd, and Harry Kidd. The part-time staff includes George Hathaway, Celus Harrison, Marge Royster, Kelly Hopkins, Joyce Stroud and Cindy Miller and organist, Shirley Harrell.

Twiford Funeral Home is proud to have a business in the city of Chesapeake and is thankful for the opportunity they have had to represent families in their greatest time of need.

Dolls, trains on display at arts and craft show

More than 20 crafters will have their crafts on display in a tent that will be set-up in the Midway at the '97 Chesapeake Jubilee.

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The fare is \$2 per person round trip from all Park-And-Ride locations. Park-And-Ride locations and hours of operation are:

■ Great Bridge Civic Center at Albemarle Drive and Shea Drive; and,

■ Indian River High School at 1969 Braves Trail off Dunbarton Dr.

Shuttle services will be available during the following hours:

From Park-And-Ride locations:

■ Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and,

■ Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

From Chesapeake Jubilee site:

■ Saturday, 10 a.m. - midnight; and,

■ Sunday, noon - 7 p.m.

Lift-equipped bus service will be available for persons with disabilities from both Park-And-Ride locations.

For more information about transportation to the Chesapeake Jubilee, call 482-4848 or TRT at 640-6300.

Mule Gang to sponsor annual mule, horse pull competition

Chesapeake Jubilee and Great Bridge Mule Gang will sponsor the third annual Mule and Horse Weight Pulling Competition on Saturday, May 17 at 2 p.m. in the ring next to the 4-H Tent.

Come see the mules and horses pull a weight sled; weight advanced by 500 pounds with each pull, until the

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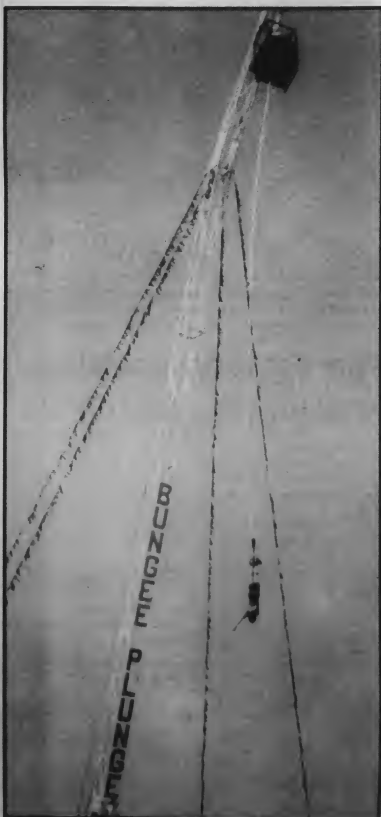
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Little Texas among country musics' elite vocal groups

The greatest success stories often unfold somewhat unexpectedly when the experts say "no, no, no," and the results are a resounding "yes, yes, yes!"

Little Texas debuted in June 1989, before a Nashville club audience of 10. The band's most recent working visit in October 1994 was before a sold-out crowd of more than 16,000.

The amount of success during the six years in between could have been enjoyed only a group of talents that have collectively put a new spin on country music. It is at the height of their success that Little Texas delivers its greatest hits — a collection of its 10 best plus two new singles, "Life Goes On" and "Country Crazy."

Simultaneously, Little Texas will take its sound abroad with an overseas tour and a self-titled European release that will include an extended dance-mix version of "God Bless Texas."

The band's concept was simple. Its six members brought together the strengths of other vocal groups each had listened to and admired. Their sound combined the harmonies of Restless Heart, the turbulence of the Kentucky Headhunters, as well as the versatility of using multiple vocalists as did the Eagles. (Alabama was also

a major influence.) It was simply a matter of writing and rehearsing.

It wasn't long before the club gig reviews had young country fans turning their attention to Little Texas as its popularity steadily grew — especially in Texas. It was while on this grueling "club after club" circuit when Little Texas would write and later record its first Top 10 hit, "Some Guys Have All The Love." Before the band could catch its breath, it had its second Top 10 smash, "First Time For Everything."

The incredible response by fans and consumer demand forced Warner Brothers Records to quickly record and release "First Time For Everything" in March 1992, and saw it quickly turn to gold on the strength of songs written primarily by lead guitarist Porter Howell and acoustic guitar/vocalist Dwayne O. Brien, the songwriting core of the band to this day. "You And Forever and Me" and "I'd Rather Miss You" went on to give Little Texas four Top 10 singles from its debut album and a spot touring with Clint Black in 1992.

Little Texas broke country music history in 1993 as a band and waved at the so-called sophomore jinx, releasing its second album "Big Time," which sold more than 1.5 million copies.



Little Texas

In what might be called odd timing, the first single from *Big Time*, a ballad "What Might Have Been," was released simultaneously with the album. The band believed it was the

album's strongest song, but it was a gamble releasing it, as it followed another ballad from the previous album "I'd Rather Miss You," onto the chart. "What Might Have Been" soon

became Little Texas' first number one hit and received Billboard's award for Video of the Year.

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Mindy McCready

Mindy McCready - one of 'ten thousand angels'

What Malinda Gayle McCready's mother had hoped for was a daughter who'd follow in her own prom-queen footsteps — a little girl who'd dress in ruffles and listen primarily to the inspirational music in the family home.

What Mrs. McCready got was a daughter who preferred to be called Mindy, spent weekends hiking through the Florida Everglades with her Cherokee Indian grandfather, played quarterback on a co-ed little league football team and a babysit for her aunt and uncle so she could listen to their country records.

"My uncle had one tape in his truck, and that was Alabama's 'Feels So Right.' We listened to it all the time. At our house I listened to Amy Grant, Sandi Patti and Twila Paris. I was influenced by all of it," McCready explained.

Singing since she was three, McCready signed up for vocal lessons when she was 10. "My family knew a private tutor, a retired college professor and even though I fought it some, I took lessons for seven years. In the end the experience was wonderful, because it taught me to breath properly and it really expanded my range," she said.

McCready's adolescence revolved around two loves: music and sports. Her love of the outdoors included fishing in the Everglades, water and snow skiing, playing tennis, lobstering, deep sea fishing and scuba diving.

Although she was receiving private vocal tutoring and positive feedback from her teacher, McCready hadn't any idea what people did to break into the music business. So she did what thousands do and started going to karaoke clubs around her hometown of Ft. Myers, Fla.

There she leaned toward the songs of Trisha Yearwood, Reba McEntire, Anne Murray and Crystal Gayle, singers who were often more pop/country-oriented than she, but who seemed to have a predisposition to choosing great

songs.

When she started high school she signed up for summer classes, night classes — any extra classes that would help her get out of school and get on with her music career. She graduated at age 16 with honors, worked part-time at her mother's ambulance company and continued to work on her music.

McCready moved to Nashville when she was 18. "My mom's dream had been to attend college, but only the boys got to go. So she really had her sights set on me getting a higher education and I promised that if I didn't have anything going with my music in one calendar year, I'd come home and start college — study pre-law," she said.

She hadn't been in town long when she happened to run into ace songwriter/producer Norro Wilson and when he heard her demos he took her to his friend, producer David Malloy.

Malloy and McCready worked for nearly a year in the studio while the younger singer moved toward her own recognizable and personal musical style. Finally the producers had a song they believed too good for any record label to turn down.

Malloy took it to Thom Schuyler at RLG, and Schuyler set up a live audition for McCready with label head Joe Galante. Exactly 51 weeks after moving to Music City, McCready signed a record contract.

Her debut album, "Ten Thousand Angels," is a tightly crafted work that showcases her vocals and styling abilities beautifully.

The title cut "Ten Thousand Angels," is a new take on temptation and self understanding and brings new meaning to the concept of a "power ballad."

McCready deals with gender role reversals on the witty "Guys Do It All The Time" and "A Girl's Gotta Do (What A Girl's Gotta Do)," and rekindling passion on "Maybe

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Jubilee is for family members of all ages

The entertainment scheduled at the Family Stage for Jubilee '97 promises a wide variety of performances and activities for family members of all ages.

Face painters, balloon sculptors, mimes, jugglers and comedians will be walking through the crowds in the family stage area and providing entertainment throughout the weekend.

Musical performances at the Family Stage will include gospel, rock, blue grass, jazz and classical soloists and ensembles.

Take the plunge!

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Child safety

Two child safety programs will be offered at Chesapeake Jubilee '97 — Operation Child Identification, a permanent I.D. record and a Jubilee weekend "name-tag" system.

Operation Child Identification, a joint project of Virginia Masonic Lodges, the Virginia State Police, the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office and Chesapeake Police, will provide fingerprinting and an I.D. booklet to be kept by parents.

"This project is a security measure in the event that a child is lost at any time, not just during Jubilee," said Capt. Don Zeagler of the Chesapeake Police Department's Criminal Investigations division.

Parents keep the I.D. information at home to serve as a ready reference for police officers should a child be missing. The descriptive information and photos are to be updated on a regular basis.

For children's safety while at Jubilee, parents are encouraged to get name-tags for their children upon arrival. Jubilee officials and police will direct any lost children to the tent during the three days of Jubilee.



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1997 Chesapeake Jubilee Schedule of Events

FRIDAY — May 16, 1997

Carnival Rides and Crafts Tent Open All Evening

9:00	4-H Livestock Show 4-H Tent	7:00	4-H Livestock Sale 4-H Tent	9:00	The Gallileans Gospel Stage
5:00	Hearts On Fire Family Stage		Country Kids Family Stage	9:15	Here Comes Happy Face Family Stage
5:30	Eric Stevens & The In Crowd Main Stage	7:30	Chesapeake Pride Family Stage	9:30	Fireworks Dharma
6:00	Van Huges and The Noodles Family Stage		Robert and The Gospel Travelers Gospel Stage	10:00	Main Stage Here Comes Happy Face Family Stage
	Renewed Gospel Stage	8:30	Troy Hedspeth "Little Man of Country" Family Stage		
6:30	Ill-Eagles Main Stage		Lonestar Main Stage		

SATURDAY — May 17, 1997

Carnival Rides and Crafts Tent Open All Day

10:00	"Las Revoltosas" Flamenco Dance Group Family Stage Exhibits Open		Scottish Dance Theater of Va. Family Stage	5:30	Against All Odds Main Stage
	4-H Tent		Lewis McGehee Main Stage		Merman's Magical Mania Family Stage
	4-H Junior Stockman Contest	1:30	Puppets and Clown Family Stage	6:00	Robert Jospe and Inner Rhythm Main Stage
	4-H Tent		4-H Pet Show	6:30	Big Brewster & The Blue Rocks Main Stage
	Poultry/Rabbit Judging	2:00	4-H Tent		Voices of Hope Gospel Stage
	4-H Tent		Mule & Horse Weight Pulling Competition	7:15	Flatland Cloggers Family Stage
10:30	Flyball Dog Demonstration Horse Expo Ring		Horse Expo Ring	8:00	17 South Main Stage
	Louisiana Mudbugs Family Stage		Solid Rock Gospel Stage		The Londonaires Quartet Gospel Stage
	Flyball Dog Demonstration Horse Expo Ring	2:30	Chesapeake Bay Cloggers Family Stage	8:15	Troy Hedspeth "Little Man of Country" Family Stage
11:30	Mike Mulvancy Family Stage	3:30	The Tina Sinnen Band Main Stage	8:30	The Coasters Main Stage
	Gradis Vibe Main Stage		Clowns-A-Poppin' Family Stage	9:00	Southern Exposure Family Stage
12:30	Merman's Magical Mania Family Stage Area	4:00	The Word Singers Gospel Stage	9:30	Fireworks 17 South
	The Joys Gospel Stage		Clebrity Cow Milking Contest	10:00	Main Stage Southern Exposure Family Stage
	Flyball Dog Demonstration Horse Expo Ring		4-H Tent		
12:30-4:30	Mimes, Walk Around Entertainment, Arts & Crafts	4:30	Stingrays Main Stage		
	Family Stage Area		Criot Felix Simmonds and Rhythms of Afrika		
1:00	Dairy Goat Demonstration Horse Expo Ring	5:00	Family Stage Just Inspired Gospel Stage		
	Horse Expo and Mule Pull Horse Expo Ring				

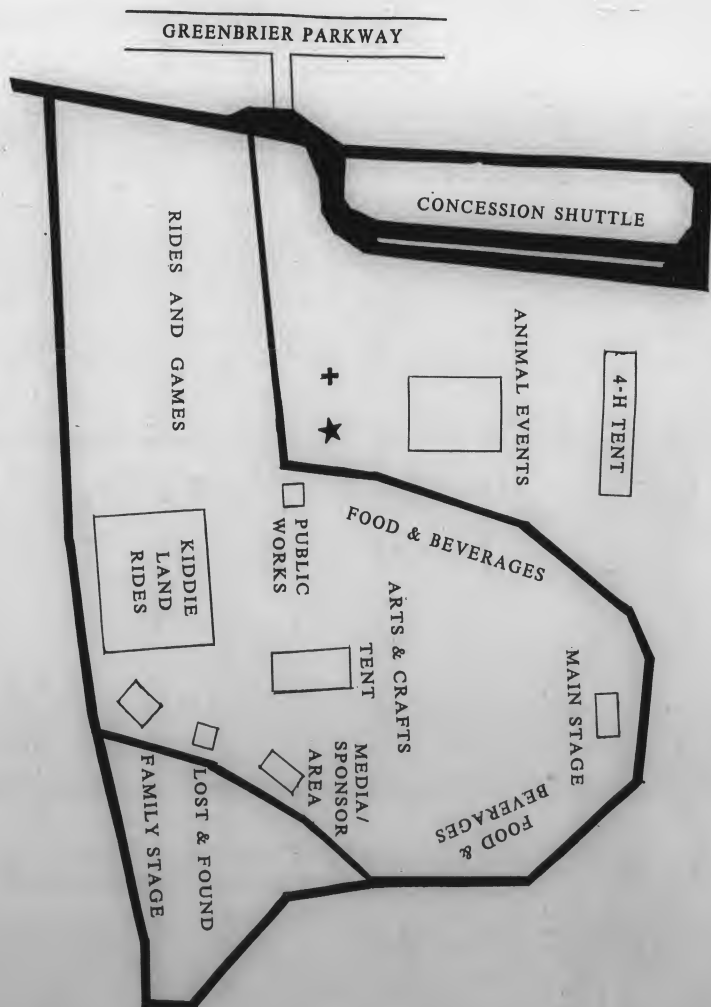
SUNDAY — May 18, 1997

Carnival Rides and Crafts Tent Open All Day

1:00 - 4:00	Mimes, Walk Around Entertainment, Arts & Crafts Family Stage Area		Solid Rock Gospel Stage		Praise Team Family Stage
12:00	4-H Hippology Contest 4-H Tent	2:00	The Gallileans Family Stage	4:00	4-H Horse Demonstrations Horse Expo Ring
	The Lost Vaudevillian Family Stage		Pick Up Poultry and Rabbits 4-H Tent	4:30	Pie Eating Contest 4-H Tent
	The Right Combination Main Stage	3:00	The Lost Vaudevillian Family Stage		Little Texas Main Stage
	Gospel Harmones Gospel Stage		The Golden Trumpets Gospel Stage		Black White Blues Family Stage
12:45	Tim Morgan and the Mo Jo Brothers Family Stage		Mindy McCreedy Main Stage	6:00	The Old Time Gospel Singers Gospel Stage
1:00	Horse and Mule Exhibition Horse Expo Ring		Pick Up Art & Crafts, Clothing 4-H Tent		Tidewater Community Band Family Stage
	Pick Up Poultry and Rabbits Wildheart		4-H Horse Demonstrations Horse Expo Ring		
1:30	Wildheart Main Stage	3:45	Atlantic Shores Baptist		

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Jubilee 'Fun' Map



Women, pregnancy and chicken pox

By DR. STEVEN POWERS
Special Report

Spring is in the air with flowers and pollen everywhere;

Upon the faces of the young, sprout flowers from a different son;

For the teachers of day care are spreading the fear;

That the season of childhood chicken pox is here.

This is my poor attempt at poetry, but not to trivialize a very serious and important problem that comes around seasonally in the springtime most every year. The Varicella Zoster Virus, commonly known as chicken pox, is a common childhood Rite of Passage.

The pox virus causes consecutive waves of outbreaks of pox for several days, usually on the chest, back, face, scalp, and in extremities. It is associated with fever and often intense itching. To say that the disease is uncomfortable is certainly an understatement. I clearly last year when each of my three children consecutively broke out with the pox virus. We had many trips to the tub for an Aveno bath.

Benadryl and Tylenol were also used at my household. This is a very highly con-

tagious viral infection which has serious health ramifications; not only for children, but for pregnant women as well. The pox virus is highly immunogenic; thereby causing immunity in 90 percent of all individuals who contact the virus, and even 80 percent of those who cannot recall a chicken pox infection are also immune.

Why is an obstetrician so concerned with chicken pox? It is simply because an infection of chicken pox in a non-immune adult who is pregnant occurs in .05 percent of all pregnancies. The intrauterine infection that is spread through the placenta may result in stillbirth or congenital defects predominantly affecting the eyes, reduction in limb size, skin lesions and neurological abnormalities.

Approximately 10 to 20 percent of infected women with the chicken pox in pregnancy develop pneumonia which kills as many as 4 out of 10 infected individuals.

This disease is also very important because if a newborn infant becomes infected with the virus in the neonatal

period, mortality rates can be as high as 3 out of 10 infants. Because of these serious health ramifications, some experts are arguing for pre-conceptional counseling and serological testing for immunity in all women of child-bearing age.

Since there is now a vaccine that is available, those that are not immune should be vaccinated against the chicken pox virus. There is also a similar debate going on in the pediatric community as to whether we should have routine vaccinations of children from chicken pox just like we do with Rubella.

My current recommendation is that if you or your family members cannot remember if you have had chicken pox as a child, and are thinking about conceiving or currently pregnant, you should be tested for immunity to the chicken pox virus.

If you are not immune and you become exposed to the virus, you can get Immunoglobulin as soon as you know that you were exposed. This will hopefully prevent any infection and therefore the possibility of congenital Varicella or chicken pox syndrome in the

unborn infant.

Of course, you should always consult your health care provider if you have any questions or concerns regarding chicken pox, also known as

Varicella infections, for yourself or family members.

For more information or questions, contact Dr. Powers at 495-9400 or 436-0167.

Fireworks extravaganza!

The Chesapeake Jubilee will celebrate its 15th anniversary with a spectacular pyrotechnic extravaganza!

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The firework masters of Zambelli Internationale will treat spectators to a dramatic display of color and light dancing to the beat of worldly-flavored music. Song selections such as a Whole New World, Star Wars and Macarena will unite Chesapeake with their universal atmosphere. It will happen Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17.

A replica of the Jubilee logo will blaze brilliantly to commemorate this 15th anniversary. More than 1,000 fireworks lances and a mile of

fuse will ignite showcasing this design. Fountains of gold and silver glitter along with cascading rainbows will adorn this display.

Zambelli Internationale Fireworks, the largest exhibitor of fireworks in the United States has produced displays for all the presidents since John F. Kennedy.

They also produce America's largest display in April "Thunder Over Louisville." George R. Zambelli, president and Victor Laurena from the U.S. Headquarters in New Castle, Pa. will be present to supervise the display. Watching fireworks displays to these masters, is one of their loves.

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Up close and personal

Ricky Bowers: Jubilee's 'smooth operator'

By VICTORIA HECHT

Post Editor

Talk about pressure.

It's enough that street lighting engineer Ricky Bowers has to make sure the city stays brightly lit for pedestrians and motorists. But that's nothing compared to his "other job," one the Chesapeake native gladly does for free — organizing the annual Jubilee.

A Logistics Committee volunteer since 1988, he was logistics chairman three times. The job was a big one: laying out the site, fulfilling to-needs of vendors and exhibitors, and attending to many other tasks.

"But it's really not that bad. You've got a lot of people helping you out. It would be impossible without them," he said.

This year Bowers traded his logistics cap for a new one — Jubilee chairman, leader of the whole "shebang."

"They tell me my main duty is to make sure it doesn't rain! I'm in charge of the weather," he mused. "Really, I just oversee everything. I'm kind of a figurehead, but I think it's an honor."

Bowers has been busy planning for the May 15-18 Jubilee since September. Intense planning got under way in January, with organizers meeting every two weeks for the city's ultimate celebration.

He's eager for the festival kick-off.

"The most enjoyable part for me is watching the families and kids out there having a good time. We've got a 4-H and livestock show, horse expo, mule pull — lots for the family. My own family will spend a couple of days out there helping me out and enjoying the rides," he said.

Bowers said it takes hundreds of volunteers like himself — 400 to be exact — to successfully pull off of Jubilee. They do everything from park cars to haul ice for vendors.

"Whatever it is that needs to be done," he said. "A lot of people just like to be out there and are willing to help."

Bowers said this year's Jubilee, the occasion's 15th, promises to be a standout one.

"We're going to have wonderful weather," he guaranteed. "There will be lots of good entertainment and a great variety of food. Anything in the world they can imagine to eat, I'm sure we'll have some out there. We'll have plenty of carnival rides and animals for the kids. We have a gospel stage for the second year, as well as an international family night."

Bowers hinted that they'll "blowout" Jubilee with a bigger and better fireworks show than ever before.

"We're putting extra into it," he noted.

Name: Ricky Bowers.

What brought you to this area: I was born and raised here.

Hometown: I consider Chesapeake my hometown. While I was born in Portsmouth, I have lived in Chesapeake since the sixth grade.

Birthday: Sept. 13, 1955.

Nickname: Mouse. I was so small in high school that I couldn't make the lowest weight



on the wrestling team.

Occupation: Street lighting engineer for the city of Chesapeake.

Marital Status: I have been married to Lynn for 10 interesting years.

Children: Shawn is 5 and Amber is 14 months. Shawn loves animals and videos. Amber loves Mommy and exploring.

Favorite movies: "Twister" and comedy movies like "Airplane" and "Naked Gun."

Magazines I read regularly: *Stock Car*

Racing.

Favorite authors: Dr. Seuss. Mostly when I read a book it's a bedtime story.

Favorite night on the town: Friday night hockey games at Scope.

Favorite restaurant: Applebee's.

Favorite meal and beverage: A Bourbon Street steak at Applebee's. I don't have a favorite beverage, but often I get iced tea.

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Bergey's Dairy plans fun-filled family event

Bergey's Dairy will hold its Day on the Farm on Memorial Day weekend, May 24 and 26. This annual event is open house for the community.

There will be free tours explaining how the family owned dairy produces milk from the cows and processes it into glass bottles and into rich ice cream.

Old-fashioned chores of butter making and cream separation will be demonstrated at various times throughout the two-day event. In addition to the cows and calves, other farm animals can be seen around the barns.

If you have never tried milking a cow, you will get a chance at the Milk-a-Cow event where you will get

"hands on" experience along with helpful hints. Horse-drawn wagon rides take you through the fields for a glimpse of how it was for folks in by gone days before cars.

There will also be pony rides in the corral through the afternoon both Saturday and Monday. A barbecue lunch will be served and live music will be performed. While looking around the farm and touring the dairy are free, there will be small fees charged for the rides and cow milking and tickets sold for the lunch.

Plan to join the Bergey family for this special time at 2221 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Chesapeake, Va.

For more information, call 482-4712.



Photo by Don Jackson

A DAY ON THE FARM. Bring the kids out to Bergey's Dairy for a day of great fun. In addition to cows, other farm animals can be seen around the barns.

Shrimp Fest

The Kiwanis Club of Chesapeake invites you to its Annual Shrimp Feast. Attending this all-you-can-eat outdoor dinner of shrimp, barbecue, baked beans, hush puppies, cole slaw and beverages is a great way to kick-off the Chesapeake Jubilee.

Entertainment provided by Southern Exposure will create a lively, festive atmosphere very much in keeping with the three-day festival the Shrimp Feast precedes.

Join the excitement for good food and fun at the Kiwanis Shrimp Feast, where the proceeds benefit the many worthy Kiwanis' projects and serve our community's needs. Last year, the Kiwanis Club of Chesapeake returned almost \$17,000 back to the community.

Tickets for Kiwanis Shrimp Feast are \$25 and can be bought at the following locations:

Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Greenbrier (547-2118); Hillegeist Lighting, 1728 S. Military Hwy.; Hackworth Reprographics, 1700 Liberty St.; and, Bank of Hampton Roads, 201 Volvo Pkwy., 1500 Mt. Pleasant Rd., 838 N. George Washington Hwy., or 712 Liberty St.

For more information, contact Shrimp Feast Chairmen Berkley Gibbs at 482-8004 or John O'Keefe at 547-0171.

The 4-H Agricultural Family Tent features master gardeners, displays

The 4-H Agriculture Family Tent will be a real highlight of this year's Chesapeake Jubilee. There will be many Virginia Cooperative Extension and agricultural displays at the

agriculture/4-H tent. 4-H youth projects will be highlighted with project displays, club exhibits and animal projects.

Master Gardeners will have demonstrations on composting,

raised beds, Gypsy moths and the Master Gardener Program. Extension home and family will have displays on nutrition, financial management and parenting. A variety of agricultural displays which includes the importance of agriculture in Chesapeake.

Displays by the Spinners and Weavers, Beekeepers Association, Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation District, Virginia Division of Forestry, and Bay Area Sheep Producers Association, along with many others, will round

out the displays. 4-H animals shown on Friday, as well as goats, chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese and rabbits will be seen on Saturday and Sunday.

In addition, the Great Bridge Mule Gang will show their prize animals on Saturday and Sunday.

Additional events include poultry and rabbit judging, pet show, hippology contest, sheep dog and dog obedience demonstrations, pie eating contest and the famous celebrity cow milking contest.

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Jubilee has something to tickle your tastebuds

Chesapeake Bay seafood and southern barbecue will be on the menu with international favorites like gyro and pancit at Chesapeake Jubilee '97 to be held May 16 - 18.

More than 35 vendors will be cooking up specialties to tempt the tastebuds of Jubilee-goers who seem ever-hungry for plenty of fresh air and entertainment.

Food, always a major attraction for festival lovers, will come in lots of tastes and shapes at the 15th annual Jubilee. For real meals, there will be delmonico steak and

marinated chicken sandwiches, shrimp baskets, steamed crabs, softshell crabs, London broil sandwiches, gyros, roasted corn and much more.

Side dishes will be plentiful — fries, regular, curly or sweet potato, onion rings and hot dogs. There will be plenty of desserts to taste — cinnamon rolls, banana splits, ice cream sundaes, fudge and funnel cakes.

Vendors for Jubilee '97 come from as far away as Florida, as well as Maine, Maryland, North Carolina and many Virginia locations.

Lewis McGehee, Wildheart among live entertainers

The 1997 Chesapeake Jubilee will feature Lonestar performing on Friday night. Saturday will bring The Coasters. Sunday afternoon will bring Mindy McCready and Little Texas.

The local acts will be

performing a variety of music, including top 40, acoustic and country rock. Featured

performers include Louis McGehee and Wildheart, all very popular in local nightclubs.



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Horse Expo planned

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In addition to breed presentations on both days, spectators at the Expo can enjoy a mule pull on Saturday. Sunday will feature an exhibition by the Virginia

Beach Mounted Patrol and local 4-H club demonstrations. Information such as magazines, brochures and local club literature will be available to anyone interested. Spectators are encouraged to visit with exhibitors following the presentations.

The Horse Expo will run from 1 - 4 p.m. on Saturday and from 1 - 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission to the Horse Expo is free.

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Dr. Rector: assisting in a miracle - birth

Eleven years is not a long time when you are enjoying yourself.

Dr. George Rector Jr., a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, has been working in medicine for that long and loving every minute of it — particularly when it has meant bringing cute, sweet, cuddly, adorable babies into the world.

Perhaps it's the enthusiasm of the mothers and fathers, often beginning to a new role, that rubs off on him, or perhaps it's just something metaphysical about assisting in a miracle: a birth.

But whatever the reason, he has a special feeling for the work.

"I really enjoy what I do," Rector said. "I like taking care of the moms and delivering the babies. Often you are delivering a first baby and they are excited about it."

Of course, that's not all he does.

A solo practitioner, Rector also provides a complete range of care for women with everything from pre-natal care and delivery, Pap smears, and annual check-ups, to laparoscopic and laser surgeries.

He also does infertility work and cancer prevention.

With two offices in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, he is located near both Chesapeake General and Bayside hospitals.

Dr. Rector is a former president of the Chesapeake Medical Society (1992-93) and did his residency in Baltimore at Franklin Square Hospital and Johns Hopkins University Hospital.

His associate Neldara (Nell) Dowell, a nurse midwife, joined the practice Nov. 1, 1996.

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Ricky Bowers: 'smooth operator'

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Marital Status: I have been married to Lynn for 10 interesting years.

Children: Shawn is 5 and Amber is 14 months. Shawn loves animals and videos. Amber loves Mommy and exploring.

Favorite movies: "Twister" and comedy movies like "Airplane" and "Naked Gun."

Magazines I read regularly: Stock Car Racing, Favorite authors: Dr. Seuss. Mostly when I read a book it's a bedtime story.

Favorite night on the town: Friday night hockey games at Scope.

Favorite restaurant: Applebee's.

Favorite meal and beverage: A Bourbon Street steak at Applebee's. I don't have a favorite beverage, but often I get tea.

What most people don't know about me: While I seem quiet and shy, inside is a daredevil yearning to drive stock cars and bungee jump.

Best thing about myself: I am always ready to help someone in need.

Worst habit: Putting things off.

Pets: We have a cockatiel named Spike. We thought Spike was a male until we found eggs in the cage.

Ideal vacation: A week in the mountains hiking

secluded, peaceful trails would be lovely.

Hobbies: Fishing and crabbing, then cooking the catch.

Pet peeves: People who take advantage of others.

First job: I delivered prescriptions for a drugstore.

Worst job: Worked on a construction crew and had to clean out manholes.

Favorite sports team: I'm a diehard Hampton Roads Admirals fan.

Favorite musicians: I like classic rock like Neil Young and The Eagles. My favorite new artist is Sheryl Crow.

Most embarrassing moment: I was when my daughter Amber was born, but I can't talk about that.

I would like my epitaph to read: "He tried, but he couldn't do it."

If I received \$1 million: I would make sure my children were taken care of and then help several people I know who have needs.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would like to demonstrate a new Biford power tool with Tim "Tool Time" Taylor.

Little Texas will 'kick a little' bit of country at festival

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With the first number one under its belt, there was room to take a chance with the next single, "God Blessed Texas." "My Love" introduced a new lead vocalist, Brady Seals and completed the hat trick of number one tracks from Big Time, earning the band honors as Radio and Record's Group of the Year and CMT's awards for Group of the Year and Video of the Year.

The charting of "Peaceful Easy Feeling" and success of "What Might Have Been" on the adult contemporary chart was a musical milestone. It marked the only time that a country band has simultaneously placed three songs with three different lead vocalists on four different charts. The awards, national television appearances and number one songs culminated in May 1994, when the Academy of Country Music voted Little Texas its Vocal Group of the Year.

Little Texas had taken its kickin' live show off the road with the equally rockin' Travis Tritt and Trisha Yearwood in 1993, earning a reputation as one of those acts nobody wanted to follow.

In the fall of 1994, Little Texas released its third effort, Kick A Little, and embarked on its first touring experience, as a co-headliner with Tim McGraw. It was the fifth largest country tour of that year. The group was also named CMT's Showcase Artist of the Month of September. Kick A Little spawned two Top 10s: the title track, which the band

performed on the nationally-telvised CMA Awards Show, and "Amy's Back In Austin."

Former Clint Black band member Jeff Huskins joined Little Texas in January 1995, bringing his arsenal of talents at guitar, keyboard and, most noticeably, fiddle, a new complement to the band's existing sound evident on the two new singles.

The addition of Huskins not only produces a more organic sound as well as a natural

interaction between the fiddle and Howell's guitar leads, but it also allows Little Texas to showcase a stripped-down acoustic set in the band's live show. Its critically-acclaimed acoustic performance earned the band a feature performance on TBS' Live From The House of Blues, as well as a spot on the show's Best Of... program. "Greatest Hits" marks both the close of one chapter in Little Texas' career as well as the commencement of another.

Mindy McCready keeps feet moving

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He'll Notice Her Now," where she is joined by Lonestar's Richie McDonald. Both "Without Love" and "All That I Am" are strong statement songs with the ability to bring chills to the spine.

"Tell Me Something I Don't Know" is a tightly crafted breakup tale that displays McCready's balladizing talents against strong lyric content. "It Ain't A Party" is a good times to the max tune that will keep people's feet moving on the dance floor all night long. "Have A Nice Day"

is a heartbreaker of an unrequited love tale and "Breakin' It," with its infectious melody and lyrics is a classic waiting to happen all over again.

Mindy McCready's take-no-prisoners voice commands attention every step of this musical journey, for she is a singer with a strong sense of self and direction, she has an immediately recognizable voice with an astonishing range and a great amount of emotion and texture. McCready is a fine country stylist with the ability to take a song and own the patent on it.

Hobbs Studio is the leader of photographic excellence

Hobbs Studio has been a leader in photographic excellence in the Tidewater area since its establishment in 1985.

With a degree in business management and photography, Bruce Hobbs has been fulfilling the photographic needs of Tidewater families since his Navy days as a chief photographer's mate. As co-owner and founder of Hobbs Studio, he has assembled a team of professionals committed to excellence.

In the pursuit of excellence, Bruce and his daughter, Jeannie, have won many awards for their portraiture. Most recently at the Virginia Professional Photographers Association (VPPA) convention the Hobbs team ranked in the awards.

Among the many awards Bruce received the Associate Fellow of Photography Degree from the VPPA and blue ribbons for portraiture and the wedding album of Karen and Kirk Black of Great Bridge. Jeannie and Bruce both earned the Certified Professional Photographers degree from the Professional Photographers of

America (PPA). They are the first and only father-daughter photographers team in the 99 year history of the VPPA. Jeannie received a Court of Honor award for "A Moment of Anticipation," a portrait of 11 year old Chesapeake resident Mallory Brown.

Dolores Hobbs, co-owner of Hobbs Studios, serves as the office manager, bookkeeper and near professional critic. Together they have built a strong reputation for beautiful portraiture in their community.

Local libraries and banks often display their portraits. Viewing of these fine works may be found in the Chesapeake City Hall lobby, the City Deli restaurant, Connie's Kids and many other Chesapeake businesses.

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News in Brief

Marine Patrol sets free boating safety checks

The Virginia Beach Police Marine Patrol will hold a boating safety check at Owls Creek Marina on Sunday from 9 a.m.-noon. This safety check is part of National Safe Boating Week and is designed to promote safety on the waterways of Virginia Beach.

Members of the Marine Patrol will be on hand to conduct inspections on watercraft and to answer any questions the boating public may have.

For further information, contact Sgt. Frank Genova, 427-4606.

Public input sought in future of library system

The public can participate in discussions that will shape the future of Virginia Beach Public Library services and facilities.

Sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., at Kempsville Recreation Center, 800 Monmouth Ln., and Wednesday, June 4, 7-9 p.m., Bayside Recreation Center,

4500 First Court Rd.

Participants should register at the library closes to the meeting they wish to attend. Those participating next week's session can call the Kempsville Library, 474-8406. Those who wish to attend the meeting on June 4 can call the Bayside Library, 460-7518.

New textbooks ready for citizens' perusal

New textbooks which will be recommended for adoption are available for review and public comment.

From now through June 5, math and science textbooks proposed for use in the Mathematics and Science Magnet School Program will be on display in the Central Library and the Kempsville branch library during their regular hours.

Two advanced placement computer science textbooks are also available for evaluation at these sites.

Evaluation forms are available in each location. Textbook selections for the Virginia Beach City Public Schools will be presented to the School Board for adoption after citizen input.

Cox, Tidewater Striders teaming up for run

Cox High School's Class of 1999 and the Tidewater Striders are sponsoring a 5K run and one-mile run/walk on Saturday, May 24 beginning at 9 a.m. at the school.

Cost of entry is \$8 for the one-mile run/walk \$12 for pre-registered 5K runners prior to May 16, and \$15 for 5K runners on the day of the race. Race day registration and packet pick-up will be in front of Cox High School from 7:30-8:45

a.m. on the day of the race. All pre-registered participants will receive T-shirts.

Runners may also enter as teams for the 5K race. Team categories are mother/daughter, father/son, female teacher and students, and male teacher and students. Teams compete for the best combined time.

For additional information or to register, contact Cita Broome at Cox High School, 496-6767.

Beach Music Weekend promises shagging fun

Shag in the sand Friday through Sunday as beach music favorites perform free concerts at the Third Annual Beach Music Weekend.

All performances take place at two oceanfront stages, the 24th Street Park and a giant stage set in the sand at 30th Street. This year's performances include:

■ Friday, The Catalinas, 7 p.m.;

■ Saturday, Bill Deal, Ammon Tharp and the Rhondels, noon; Bill Pinkney and The Original Drifters, 2 p.m.; Percy Sledge, 4:45 p.m.; Shag Dance Competition, 6:15 p.m.

■ Sunday, The Embers, 1 p.m., and Chairmen of the Board, 3:45 p.m.

This kick into summer party is hosted by Beach Events and the city of Virginia Beach.

Cancer survivor shares experiences at CBN

Dr. George Malkmus was diagnosed at age 42 with colon cancer. He sought an alternative treatment, which included a major change in his diet, and was cured. Since his diet and lifestyle change over 20 years ago, Malkmus has not experienced any physical problems — not even a cold or need for an aspirin.

"God's Way To Ultimate Health" will be held June 8-11 at The Founders Inn and

Conference Center, a four-diamond resort, located on the grounds of The Christian Broadcasting Network. This four-day event will include 15 hours of biblical teaching focusing on health and nutrition, praise and worship, a luncheon, two continental breakfast and a banquet.

For more information and registration, call 1-800-677-8117.

Get set for 'beary' good family fest Saturday

For a "beary" special day, follow the mount panda bear balloon to Mount Trashmore Park on Saturday from noon-4 p.m. for Virginia Beach Parks

and Recreation's Teddy Bear Picnic.

Also bring a teddy bear to donate to the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad.

Council adopts budget with no real estate tax increase

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

After almost tossing the multi-purpose stadium out of the budget, city council Tuesday unanimously adopted the \$956,853,569 operating budget and appropriated a \$94,467,030 capital budget for 1997-98, while approving the six-year (through 2003) capital improvement plan totaling \$1 billion.

Council also adopted a resolution establishing two new school capital projects, providing for them and three other projects from the anticipated \$16.5 million year-end surplus revenues

Six-year CIP totals \$1 billion

of the school board.

The total allocation for the five projects comes to \$10,635,000.

Prior to approval of the Resource Allocation Plan, councilwoman Reba McClanahan made a motion for an amendment to delete the multi-purpose sports stadium from the budget. She said that spending \$8,995 million out of the fund balance for the project is questionable and questioned what long-term benefits are in the project.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley

asked whether a vote on the stadium in the budget process would affect the Lake Ridge Plan which is going to be considered by council next week and which includes the stadium and a golf course.

City Attorney Leslie Lilley said that it didn't matter, that it was a chick and egg situation.

Council voted 6-4 against the motion. Voting in favor were McClanahan, Louisa Strayhorn, who seconded the motion, Henley and Nancy Parker.

Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. abstained because of a conflict. Council then voted unanimously for the capital budget including the stadium.

E. Dean Block, director of management, said that everyone involved in the school system will have to work in good faith and that the school budget was a doable budget. He said there was no intent on the city's part to go beyond the legal provision in how the school board sets priorities.

The best the council can do,

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AIDS hospice preps for opening

Maurus House will be area's only such site

By VICTORIA HECHT
Sun Editor

The brick ranch looks like any other home in a quiet, tree-lined neighborhood — tidy and well-tended with greenery lining the perimeter.

The only thing that makes this Clearfield Avenue home stand out is the newly-built, handicapped ramp leading up to the front door. There's a steady stream of workers coming in and out, too, making renovations and prepping the brick ranch for inhabitants.

Few would guess the house, located behind St. Gregory's Catholic Church off Virginia Beach Boulevard, will be the last place some end-stage AIDS victims will call home.

When it opens June 1, Maurus House will be Hampton Roads' only AIDS hospice and one of just a handful in the state.

The driving forces behind Maurus House, named for the patron saint of healing, are Claire Moscone and her son, David.

"Talking to the medical people in the community, there is such a need for this," said Claire, a registered nurse and the home's resident director.

"Knowing there are people who have no home and no family,



TEAMWORK. Claire Moscone, a registered nurse, and her son, David, are working to make the June 1 opening of Maurus House a reality. The three-bedroom brick ranch, located behind St. Gregory's Catholic Church, will be an AIDS hospice.

there is nowhere to put those at this late stage of (AIDS). The hospitals can't treat them anymore, and nursing homes can only take in so many. It's all so institutionalized, and I believe in the holistic philosophy."

Renovations to the three-bedroom home have been largely a volunteer effort. Friends and St. Gregory's church members are pitching in to transform the house into a hospice. Claire and David

are doing much of the gruntwork themselves, and when the non-denominational Maurus House opens it will be staffed by volunteers.

Claire's son is largely responsible for bringing the home to fruition. Former owner of Norfolk's award-winning David John Hair Design, he's the official spokesman for the

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CHECK IT OUT

To make a contribution to Maurus House, make checks payable to AIDS Ministry/Maurus House and mail to 5345 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, Va. 23462-1896. For more information, call David Moscone, 490-1305, or Claire Moscone, 463-0202.

Jenney says budget lacks flexibility

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

Superintendent of Schools Timothy R. Jenney made clear in a short memo dated May 12, the day before city council approved the operating and capital budgets, that city council should keep its nose out of school business.

He also said that the proposed budget of \$411,051,705, which was adopted Tuesday afternoon, does not provide "adequate flexibility" for the schools.

Writing in response to a letter from City Manager James K. Spore asking for cooperation in considering improvements needed for the future, Jenney said, "Please be advised that you should make no assumptions on program implementations imposed by the funding mechanism. As you are aware, council cannot prescribe programs to the school board and it is our belief that the budget... does not provide 'adequate flexibility.'"

He continued, "It is the school board who will entertain discussion and ultimately make the decisions regarding the extent of various programmatic and departmental expenditures as well as salaries and other relevant expenses to the level of funding ap-

propriated.

The memo may have helped in defeating a resolution proposed by councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn stating that the city council would like the board to include in its program and within the funding a class size reduction initiative in elementary schools in grades K through 5, expansion of the at-risk program for four-year-olds, expansion of capacity for gifted and magnet school programming, and provision of a 4 percent increase in compensation to all eligible teachers, all without negatively impacting other classroom instructional programs.

The resolution was defeated by an 8-2 vote with only councilwomen Strayhorn and Reba McClanahan voting in favor.

McClanahan said at an informal council session, that she was concerned by the letter which said Jenney "was going to do nothing to cooperate. I would like to know what the school board thinks. He (Jenney) does all the talking. He sends these little missals..."

Spore's letter dated May 9 explains the council's acceptance of a \$411,051,705 operating budget for 1997-98, appropriating funds by category — instruction \$339,680,377; administration, attendance and health, \$12,044,294; transportation, \$16,128,482, and operations and maintenance, \$43,198,552.

If the school board needs to make adjustments in these categories, Spore said, council may make adjustments

through ordinance to transfer funds within categories.

Council, Spore said does not feel that a real estate tax rate increase is prudent.

He also said that council thought that the funding would be adequate "to maintain all current instructional programs and provide for the council-approved expansion of the class-size initiative, gifted and magnet programs and 4-year-old at-risk program, while maintaining reasonable flexibility."

He also said that a 4 percent pay increase could be achieved within available resources by implementing the increase for teachers effective Oct. 1.

Strayhorn said that she was fully aware "we do not have the right to tell

the school board what to do with their money."

Mayor Meyera Oberdorff said that council was asked not to micromanage the school budget.

Without a formal vote, councilwoman Barbara Henley said council could say it supported those things. She said that state law has made the situation unworkable. When elected school boards were first proposed, she said, city council said it would not work, to have two elected bodies with only one controlling the purse strings.

"Unless you had people on both sides who would cooperate and put politics aside," she said, "it's the law... that's the fundamental program."

Motorists say 'cheese?'

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach citizens appear to be in favor of posing a camera at key traffic lights in the city, said Vice Mayor William D. Sessions Jr. at an informal council session Tuesday. He asked about the status of the project, something councilwoman Barbara Henley asked about previously.

They both seem to think that having a camera catch motorists going through red lights is a good idea.

Maybe.

City Manager James K. Spore said that the benefit of the doubt will be given to those passing on amber. He also said that the council would have to amend the budget which was approved later in the day and does not include funding for the cameras.

Councilman Harold Heischrober suggested looking into another safety practice to discourage violators.

The staff will bring back a report on the cameras and the program.

Then it's up to the motorists to become camera-shy.

Commentary

WATER AND BOATING SAFETY

Play it smart

With recreational boating and the use of personal watercraft such as jet skis on the rise, so is the increase in boating-related crashes, injuries and fatalities. This too can be attributed to a variety of reasons, including boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs, failure to wear a lifejacket and boater inexperience.

With Memorial Day ushering in the busy boating season, the Hampton Roads Recreational Boating Safety Coalition recognizes the need for increased boater awareness and education. To this end, courtesy boat checks and safety examinations will be offered Sunday throughout Hampton Roads:

- Chesapeake, Jordan Boat Ramp, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Norfolk, Willoughby Boat Ramp, 4 - 6 p.m.
- Portsmouth, City Park Boat Ramp, 3 - 6 p.m.
- Virginia Beach, Owls Creek Boat Ramp, 9 a.m. - noon.

Just as important as boater safety, however, is water safety. Over the last few years Hampton Roads has had several water-related tragedies, most of which were preventable.

Area police departments urge several common-sense safety tips when in or around the water:

■ In a borrow pit, edges are often unstable, the depth of the water changes drastically and there is debris in the water or on the pit's floor. Stay out!

■ In a pool, be sure of your ability to swim before entering the water. If needed, wear a life preserver. Abide by all posted rules and regulations. Make sure children are properly supervised, and only frequent pools with lifeguards on duty.

■ In a boat, all occupants should wear a lifejacket. Never operate a boat under the influence of intoxicants. Observe the posted signs, and completely check all emergency equipment before leaving the dock.

Remember, keep summer's water fun safe and tragedy-free. — V.E.H.



Letter to the editor

'Wake up' to reality about Hwy. 17 widening, Virginia

Editor:

I should have attended the Highway 17 widening hearings last month, but after my daily dose of hearing, seeing, smelling and experiencing Tidewater, I really needed the recovery time. But still I would love to have challenged some of the looney logic flying around there — especially the "unidentified man's."

Point for point, mister, it's not just for North Carolinians "who don't pay taxes." We pay as much as anyone who shops and does business in your state. We pay too much, as a matter of fact. It's one of the reasons I moved from Portsmouth to Carolina. Portsmouth, whose problems are legion and legendary, whose dogs have more rights than humans, taxes God's rainwater among other things. Like so many others before me, I finally woke up and saw the light.

Unless I counted wrong, there are five border states (two more if you count Pennsylvania and Delaware, which are within commuting distance) who work and trade in Virginia daily, bringing in millions in revenue. Also thousands of Virginians work and shop in those states, too. It's pretty much of a trade-off until you stand at the Woodrow Wilson Bridge on I-95 and watch the thousands of Virginians pouring over into D.C. and Maryland every day to make their big dollars. That's where

the equity ends and the inequity begins. That's when Virginia becomes a debtor state of sorts. So it's not one-sided in favor of Virginia, buddy!

Virginia should be ashamed of that two-lane washboard death trap called Highway 17. Instead of ranking behind North Carolina and most of the nation, Virginia should use some of that lottery money it takes from its neighbors and build some 20th-century roads like we have in North Carolina.

And also, my fearful friend who won't be identified, as for Carolinians beating upon Virginians over the Lake Gaston water, consider this: when a community (Virginia Beach) outgrows its natural resources and starts to envy its neighbors, then it's time to stop growing.

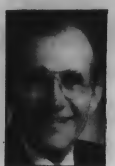
If Virginia Beach can tap into Gaston, then that means anyone else can too. Pretty soon you're going to have one big dry hole up there on the Virginia/Carolina border. Besides, I haven't heard of anyone in Virginia Beach dying of thirst yet. From what I've read in the papers that water (Gaston's) is already sold. That's right, Virginia Beach is planning to sell that water.

So, at the next meeting, mister, consider these matters before you take a mind to myopically meander.

Calvin L. Lacy Jr.
Hertford, N.C.

Those Kennedys keep providing gossip for the old rumor mill

It has been more than gratifying for me to see that the public in general and the people of the Massachusetts in particular have finally begun to see



The Real World

By B.J. Senn, senior columnist.

I have seen several articles recently criticizing U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II for his efforts to have his 12-year marriage annulled and how he has mistreated his wife, Sheila Rauch Kennedy, in the process.

She said that he had "badgered and belittled her." She has written a book on the subject. But Joseph Kennedy II is the epitome of virtue compared to his granddaddy, Joseph P., who was a liquor smuggler and had numerous affairs with mistresses and movie stars. It was a joke among the Kennedy boys about how old Joe would make sexual overtures to the young girls who were friends of his daughters and to the dates his sons brought to the Kennedy home.

Movie star Gloria Swanson was one of his favorite concubines. He would take her to his home and flaunt her in the face of his wife, Rose.

Rose said, "Obviously I couldn't compete (with Gloria Swanson) in natural beauty, but I could make the most of what I had by keeping my figure trim, my complexion good, my grooming perfect, and by always wearing clothes that were interesting and becoming."

The affairs hurt her deeply, but she was a lady until the end. Since womanizing started with the father and since the apple does not fall far from the tree, how can you expect the Kennedy boys to be any different?

John F. Kennedy, the one who became president, apparently tried to outdo his old man when it came to womanizing.

As a young naval officer during World War II while assigned to Naval Intelligence, he became involved with a suspected German spy (Inga Arvad) until J. Edgar Hoover and old Joe Kennedy put a stop to it by having him transferred.

She suspected that a baby she had could have been John's, but nothing was ever made of the situation since the press protected the Kennedys with a passion. J. Edgar Hoover was a friend of the old man and he also protected them, but he hated Bobby. After becoming president, John F. fraternized with known Mafia figures and went so far as to sleep with Judith Exner, the girlfriend of Chicago Mafia boss Sam "Mo Mo" Giancana.

According to Exner, she went to the White House on numerous occasions.

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Volunteerism: pure motives required

By LARRY MCGHEE
Guest Columnist

The editorial writers of the nation are having another field day with Bill Clinton, this time by picking the flesh off the bones of the recent summit on volunteerism and national service.

The pundits are proceeding a bit more gingerly than they usually do. The summit was a bipartisan effort, conceived by the late Republican George Romney, and its conspicuous sponsors included not only President and Mrs. Clinton, but his predecessors Gerald Ford, George Bush and Barbara Bush, Jimmy Carter, plus Vice President and Tipper Gore, Nancy Reagan, Oprah Winfrey and John Travolta.

In the wake of the summit, some 1,700 delegates from 140 communities returned to their states to organize grassroots efforts to mount a crusade to alleviate the problems surrounding and trampling down the nation's "at-risk" students.

Clinton is building service into several of his education budgets, through AmeriCorps and through national student loan interest delays.

Chairing the two-year effort is Gen. Colin Powell. If this children's crusade succeeds under his leadership, the analysts note, it may do for him politically what Ike's crusade in Europe in World War II did for him in presidential politics in 1952.

But that doesn't seem that is why. Powell is in this. His motives appear pure, and he is already infusing the effort with an energy and zeal that heretofore, in his former government posts, he has been unable or uncomfortable to show.

There are, the writers tell us, dangers in volunteerism.

For one thing, it may be a poor substitute for laws and agencies. Lacking the experience of

professionals and the funding of agencies and governments, it could quickly become frustrated in a maze of good-intentions gone astray. For another thing, volunteerism runs the risk of becoming paternalism. The art of doing good without being condescending is a difficult one to master.

Doing for others without widening the gap between "we" and "they" takes practice. It seems to work best when one finds ways, as Habitat for Humanity home builders have found, for those being helped to wield hammers and saws alongside the volunteers.

Another danger in volunteerism is that of wrong motivations.

Something is awry in volunteerism when volunteers explain that they do it for the pleasure it brings them, or because their company expects it of them, or because their civic club has it as a project, or because one gets a Scouting merit badge for it, or because someone has shamed them into it.

Not that those are bad motives. We ought to embrace good works wherever we can find them, seeing how scarce they are becoming.

It's just that they are lesser motives than being moved to act because one has deep-felt compassion, is sensitive to conspicuous distress, or has high spiritual, moral and social standards. Works work better when there is some faith behind them.

In a Darwinian, "win-at-all-costs-and-by-any-means" world, where the weak are as disposable as paper towels, volunteers are going against the grain by stopping to help the wounded along the side of the road. Respect for life in all its forms, usually prompted by a desire to serve the Creator by being stewards of creation, is a strong reason for doing good.

If there were only one way to describe my father-in-law, it could be stated succinctly: "I fish, therefore I am."

Even and I bought him a T-shirt with a variation on that theme during our Seattle vacation in 1995. Any avid angler can well sympathize with it—"I fish, therefore I am."

True be it or not, I just don't understand the fascination with attaching a squiggly, stinkypiece of bait to a hook and waiting for the big one to bite.

I become more sure of this each time I venture to handle a rod and reel — and each time come up empty-handed.

The most recent adventure was last weekend when Evan and I traveled to Jacksonville, N.C. for his grandparents' wedding anniversary.

As is custom when we make a trip to the Camp Lejeune area, a Saturday morning fishing expedition was in order. Evan eagerly anticipates these occasions, while I grimace and plays the "good wife" as the family pilot into the car.

Last weekend was no exception. We arose bright and early, tugged on some grungies that we didn't mind getting grungier, and filled Grandma's car with assorted poles, reels, tackle and bait. We headed for the base, where the family says the best fishing is along the Intracoastal Waterway.

We found just the right spot. No other anglers were around, so it was "virgin" water as the tide slowly rolled in. I pulled on some of Grandma's knee-high waders and cautiously eyed

one of the fishing poles brought by Evan's dad, Mike.

The others quickly baited their lines, Grandma with bits of cut-up shrimp and Mike and Evan with bloodworms. Mike said I'd do best with the bloodworms.

"Go on and bait your lines," Evan urged, knowing full well my squeamish nature about things that ooze and continue to move — even after you've cut them in half.

Even laid out a worm and hacked it into several pieces. He instructed me to do the same. I nervously said I'd just assume use some of his and tried to pick up a piece.

I shrieked and dropped the worm when it squiggled in my hand. "Here," Mike soothed, "let me do it for you."

Within a second he'd expertly baited the two hooks hanging off my sinker. His own rod had four hooks, which offer better odds of catching a big one.

Of course, I'd forgotten how to cast a line. I never can seem to remember how to maneuver the contraption known as a reel, so Mike was to lend another hand. He let a few fly for me, sinking square in the middle of the channel, before challenging me to do likewise.

I drew back and gave it my best shot. But instead of sailing through the air and landing in the water, my short line whirled around me threatening to catch in other people's hair and skin. I'd forgotten to let up on the reel, or something to that effect.

After a few tries I had the hang of it. Then I waited and waited and waited some more.

Evan's line tugged with the first bite, but it turned out to be a hungry

crab. Soon, though, Grandma, Mike and Evan were feeling many tugs on their lines and hauling in fish after fish.

They weren't big ones, but respectable enough for a meal if you fry up several in a pan — spot, hogfish and a few pinfish for bait.

I still waited.

Every now and then I'd feel an occasional nibble, but when I reeled the line, in the hook would be empty, bait and all!

As usual, I grew tired of this routine. Leaning the rod against the bank, I settled down onto a prickly-grassed area content to while away the morning watching clouds. Each time one of the three anglers pulled in another catch, though, I was reminded of my fishing shortcomings.

With the sun rising high in the sky, we packed it in around 11:30 a.m. I had the beginning of a sunburn, which is par for the course, and a sense of remorse.

"I never catch anything," I grumbled. "The only thing I ever got was a skate — and that was two years ago!"

"That's because you don't have any patience," Evan countered. "I wanted to clobber my other half. He'd be afraid to be smug since he'd captured the day's biggest fish."

"It's still early in the season," Grandma consoled. "You'll catch something next time."

I groaned inwardly at the prospect of another fishless debacle.

I fish, therefore I am?

Maybe for some. But this fish repellent prefers her catch "fresh" from the grocery store and served with tartar sauce.

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Beach relayers rev for lifesaving walk

Relay for Life started in 1992 and is a national event for the American Cancer Society. It has grown into their top fund-raising event, and Team Virginia Beach received recognition as the top fund-raising company in the South Hampton Roads Relay, raising \$30,000 last year. Two teams have actually challenged Team Virginia Beach this year for top honors.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberdorfer

not their goal to be the best, but rather, to do the best they can for a great cause, they will strive to be the leader in this year's event, May 30 and 31 at the Little Creek Amphibious Base.

The Relay for Life is a 24-hour celebration of life dedicated to present and former cancer patients, their families and friends. It raises funds for the American Cancer Society while declaring that cancer can and will be beaten.

This is the fifth year of the relay, although the first year it was called "Making Strides." Employees from the city have participated each year. They started with one team from the Department of Information Technology which made a contribution of about \$2,000. Last year Team Virginia Beach consisted of 15 teams representing 18 departments, the city's credit union and the Wellness Committee.

Team Virginia Beach had more than 200 participants who chose to walk, run or skate during the event last year which started at 6 p.m. Friday, May 31 and lasted until about 4 p.m. Saturday, June 1. This is called a 24-hour event because teams arrive a couple of hours before starting time to finish setting up their campsites and someone from each team has to be on the field walking, running or skating for the 24-hour time period. The participants usually walked, ran or skated for one hour segments before they were relieved.

Image, if you will, 3 a.m. in the morning, temperature about 30 degrees. The football field at Great Neck Middle School is lit, keeping the darkness at bay and you would never think it was the wee hours of the morning. The track running around the football field was filled with people walking, running or skating

— candles in sacks were burning along the track with the names of people past or present who had cancer.

Music could be heard playing on the radio someone was carrying as they passed you or you passed them. You saw people you knew and people you didn't know but all were cheerful and friendly. Tents, campers, trailers of all makes and types were scattered around the field. The loud speakers kept you up-to-date on the progress of the campaign as well as any information needed.

Before you knew it, the hour was gone and you had done your part in making 1996 a banner year for the South Hampton Roads Relay. Participants smashed the \$285,000 goal by turning in \$370,000.

If you come to walk, run, skate or just visit the site, be sure and bring money with you. Most teams do have fund-raising at the relay. Team Virginia Beach will have several events including a color television raffle (20-inch RCA donated by Circuit City)

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and license plate frame sales. Many of the teams will have some type of fundraising event that incorporates their theme. WVEC will be broadcasting from the relay.

The American Cancer Society is planning several events that might be a lot of fun. Tug-of-war and sack races are among the team events in which they will try to get teams to participate. This year, an even greater carnival type atmosphere is expected. This is a family event and great attention is being paid this year to include more events for children. The public is invited to visit the site and participate with teams.

Team Virginia Beach's theme this year is based on its slogan: "Team Virginia Beach — Fighting Cancer with the Hearts of Champions!"

Come and join this great show of support for the fight against cancer — an enemy that can and has touched us all in one form or other, through our families or our friends.

Jackson Averett, Team Virginia Beach captain, contributed to this column.

Kennedy gossip abounds

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sions when Jackie was away and smoked pot with the president and had sex in Jackie's bed. Of course, everyone has heard about his affair with Marilyn Monroe and a multitude of other movie stars and common women.

Robert F. Kennedy, who without any qualifications was appointed Attorney General by his brother, John F., is also alleged to have liked the women and had an affair with Monroe. But he could not have been away from his wife, Ethel, very long at a time because they were producing babies like minks.

Nevertheless, there are theories by some that John F. and Bobby had something to do with Marilyn Monroe's death. It's still a mystery. Now that brings us to the worst Kennedy of them all, Uncle Teddy.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy is the hero of Chappaquiddick and savior of all the women of America. Volumes could be written about this bloated whale whose nose is so big and red from too much booze that it looks as if it is going to rupture at any time.

We all know about Mary Jo Kepechne and how she died in the company of Ted Kennedy at the Chappaquiddick Bridge. Many questions are still being raised about that "accident," the same as in the Marilyn Monroe "accident."

There are many stories about Ted Kennedy's womanizing and boozing. There was one in particular going around about his rough physical pursuit of a waitress at a popular Washington restaurant. I could never understand what made him think that any woman was attracted to a blubber butt like him.

In a book titled, "The Senator" written by Richard E. Burke, who was Ted Kennedy's personal assis-

tant for 10 years, he tells how Ted used coke and quaaludes and how he had to take a penicillin shot as a precaution because he found out that two members of his staff had a dose of "clap" and he had been intimate with them.

Another Kennedy, Michael, is alleged to have initiated a sexual relationship with a teenage baby-sitter. A cousin, William Kennedy Smith, was

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tried and acquitted of rape, but only after allegations that he had assaulted three other women.

Finally in a live broadcast to the "People of Massachusetts" on Friday, July 25, 1969 in explaining the drowning of Mary Jo Kepechne, Ted Kennedy said that during the time that he was in the water searching for Mary Jo he "wondered whether some awful curse did actually hang over all the Kennedys."

There is no curse that hangs over the Kennedys. The problem is that they have no morals and a lack of self-control over their objectification of women. The Kennedys and people like Bill Clinton with his problems are the ones that make the laws and govern this country. God help America.

Welcome to the real world.

Up close and personal

Kristine Tansky: It's news to her

By VICTORIA HECHT
Sun Editor

The average television viewer is afforded only limited behind-the-scenes accounts of network news by shows and movies such as "Murphy Brown" and "Broadcast News." And they aren't necessarily "real life" anyway.

But Kristine Tansky knows the deal as a reporter for the Christian Broadcasting Network. Gathering news for the Virginia Beach based CBN, her job is to "find angles that aren't being looked at by the other medias."

It often makes for an interesting job. Specializing in investigative journalism, Tansky has traveled from coast to coast covering stories. A piece tracing allegations against — and eventual acquittal of — a Washington State minister charged with molestation won Tansky a nomination for CBN's best news story in 1996.

"I don't really know when I decided I wanted to go into television news," the Great Bridge High School graduate said. "But in high school I took all the courses in journalism and yearbook. I wanted to find a college that had a journalism program."

Tansky majored in communications with a broadcasting concentration at Virginia Tech. After graduation in 1993 she got an unpaid internship in CBN's news department, which led to a part-time production assistant position. Within a year she was promoted to full-time reporter.

"God had a hand in it," she maintained. "I really feel it was meant to be. I really enjoy my job and can't gripe or complain. I'm still in disbelief sometimes — this is a national network! This is big time!"

"Big time" only begins to describe it. From New Orleans to San Francisco, Tansky said travel is one of the biggest perks of the job.

"Every story is so different. I've gone to cover Hurricane Opal down in Florida, and that was 'roughing it.' The closest we could get was Montgomery, Ala., where we happened to be when the eye of the hurricane came through at 2 a.m. That was exciting because I feared for my life. Of course, the power was out everywhere. We had lack of food, lack of sleep, everything."

Tansky didn't get assigned the recent midwestern floods, but Hurricane Opal was a challenging piece. So was a police ride-along she did in New Orleans.

"I get a juvenile crime story every now and then, so I did one in New Orleans' curfew law. That was my first ride in a police car with the flashing lights chasing after criminals and all that," she remembered. "I learned a statistic after that that New Orleans, per capita, is the bloodiest city in America. That was a pretty exciting story."

She knows that only bigger and better things await in the world of network news.

"My father has told me my whole life that there's nothing you can't do. I believed him!" she laughed.

Name: Kristine Tansky.

What brought you to this area: My family moved to the Great Bridge area of Chesapeake when I was 7 years old.

Birthdate: March 31, 1971.

Nickname: Krissey.

Occupation: News reporter for CBN.

Marital Status: Engaged to be married in October.

Children: I don't have any children yet, but in the future I would like to have at least three.

Favorite movies: I like movies that have a suspenseful, twisted plot like "The Fugitive" and "Patriot Games." In fact, any Harrison Ford movie will do.



Magazines I read regularly: Martha Stewart Living, Time and Newsweek.

Favorite authors: John Grisham and Pat Conroy.

Favorite night on the town: Any easygoing summer night in Myrtle Beach, S.C. topped off with a delicious seafood dinner and beach music.

Favorite restaurant: Steinheilber's.

Favorite meal and beverage: My mother's Thanksgiving dinner and fresh-brewed iced tea.

Best thing about myself: My optimism and positive attitude have always been my best traits. Both have helped me immensely.

Worst habit: I'm a big procrastinator, so I work extra hard to overcome that.

Pets: Three: Elizabeth, a golden retriever; Cadbury, a miniature schnauzer; and, Molly, a Pekingese.

Ideal vacation: my honeymoon! My fiancée is keeping it a surprise, but I hope it's some place tropical.

Hobbies: Reading, shopping, fishing in the Gulf Stream with my dad and spending time with my live brothers and sisters and their kids.

Pet peeves: Lying.

First job: When I was 15 years old I took a summer job in North Myrtle Beach at Jack's Grill. I did everything from scooping ice cream to grilling burgers to sweeping floors.

Worst job: Jack's Grill.

Favorite sports team: Hampden-Sydney Tigers.

Favorite musicians: Dave Matthews Band, James Taylor and Jimmy Buffett.

Most embarrassing moment: I was a bridesmaid in my sister Kim's wedding. As they were lighting the unity candle I fainted. My dad and aunt had to drag me out of the church.

If I received \$1 million: I would pay for my brother's and sister's college tuitions, pay off my parents' debts and contribute a hefty sum to the building fund for the new sanctuary at Great Bridge Presbyterian Church. The leftover would be placed in a lucrative investment.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would encourage everyone to read Norman Vincent Peale's "The Power of Positive Thinking." My parents gave it to me when I graduated from high school and the lessons in it are invaluable. He stresses the importance of having a positive attitude and an unwavering faith in God.

Grads of first, only black high school reunite

The All-Class Reunion of Union Kempsville High School/Princess Anne County Training School has begun to generate a great deal of interest. The black-tie event promises to be one of this year's most important and historic reunions.

For the first time since closing in 1969, alumni are being invited back on June 14 at 6:30 p.m. for a look at the city's first and only black high school, which opened in 1938. On Sunday, June 15 the organizers have planned a picnic for attendees of the School at the Princess Anne Park in Virginia Beach.

The school is a testament to the proud men and women who not only raised the money to buy the four acres of land for the school site, but who were requested by the 1934 School Board to raise money for construction as well. These men and women had one thought in

mind, to provide a safe and decent educational environment in which "little colored kids" could learn without fear of snakes, falling and leaking ceilings, lack of heat and other deplorable conditions found in most of the existing one room school houses.

Edna Hawkins Hendrix, a member of the last graduating class (1969) and local historian, will display a photo-journal exhibit entitled "The Education of African-Americans in Princess Anne County/Virginia Beach, 1868-1969." Hendrix is seeking photographs or artifacts from this era for presentation.

If interested in having your memorabilia displayed, know the whereabouts of former teachers, staff or alumni, and/or wish to be listed or place an ad in the souvenir journal, contact the African-American Cultural Council of Virginia Beach

(AACC), presenters of this historical event.

Tickets for the dance are \$35 per person and may be purchased at any Ticketmaster location or the AACC Picnic tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children

Crime Solvers seek bank robber

On Tuesday, April 15 at 1:48 p.m., a man walked into the First Coastal Bank at 3037 Shore Dr. He approached the teller window, implied he had a gun and demanded money. After receiving money from the teller he ran from the bank.

The robber is described as black, in his early 20s, 6-feet tall, with a thin build and short black hair. He was wearing all black clothing with amber sunglasses.

Any information can be provided to Crime Solvers by calling 427-0000 24 hours a day.

under 12 years and are available through the AACC office. Ticket deadline for all events is June 1.

For information, contact James Belin, Edna Hendrix or Freddie Moody at 460-3093.



Suspect

THE ARTS

Singing psychiatrist sizzles Cabaret

By ERIC STEVENS

Arts Correspondent
Make a note. If you like sophisticated songs well-sung with humor, watch for Dr. David Faber to return in the fall to "The Cabaret" at Uncle Louie's at Ward's Corner.

I overheard a customer sum it up: This is just like New York! and our waitress said, "This guy's hilarious!"

On Saturday the debonair psychiatrist wowed the crowd with a rich baritone, imaginative fare and charming delivery, drawing on his stage background at East Carolina University, University of North Carolina and the Virginia Pro Musica (now the McCullough Choral).

Among the 16 songs were three by the legendary Tom Lehrer, acted out hilariously; three by George Gershwin, aided briefly by a video; two

Steve Sontheims; and, a pair of gems by Jerome Kern, "Long Ago and Far Away" and "All the Things You Are."

"Making Whoopee" with the verse and extra lyrics was quite funny, while "Skylark" by Johnny Mercer and Hoagy Carmichael is hard to sing for most. But the handsome "shrink" handled it with aplomb.

Witty patter strung the songs together, and on one number, Faber "accompanied" himself with a hand-held Latin rhythm instrument. Two of his songs ended in the falsetto range. His encore was the lovely "If Ever I Would Leave You" by Lerner and Loewe.

Sensitive piano accompaniment was provided by pretty Lane Dare, a familiar face on WHRO-TV. Lane has directed musicals at the Cavalier Dinner Theater, Norfolk Little Theater, Riverview Playhouse and Virginia Stage Company's Children's Series. She joined Faber to sing Irving Berlin's clever duet, "You're Just in Love."

May 17 and 24 will see the return of another local broadcaster, Becky Livas, former talk show hostess and late-night jazz radio personality on WHRV-FM. On the latter, her purring murmurs were so sensuous she should have taken out a 900 phone number and charged people to listen!

Eric Stevens has been active locally since 1971 as a pianist, singer and bandleader.



Dr. David Faber

Beach's Second Wind slates ODU concert

Second Wind Dance Company presents "An Evening of Modern Dance" on Saturday, May 24 at University Theater on the campus of Old Dominion University.

Second Wind Dance Company provides a vehicle for artistic collaboration and for integrating the fine and performing arts with social commentary. New York trained Artistic Director Beverly Cordova Duane has taught for the International Festival for the Arts, the Jamaican National School of Dance, Old Dominion University, the Virginia Governor's School for the Arts and Regent University.

The show will premiere new work by internationally known artist, Todd Rosenlieb, director of the Erick Hawkins Dance Company. He recently set original Erick Hawkins choreography on Mikhail Baryshnikov. Rosenlieb will perform "Estuary," choreographed by New York's Randy James, with Second Wind dancer Kathryn Finney. *The New York Times* describes Estuary as



Courtesy Photo

DANCE TO IT. The Virginia Beach-based Second Wind Dance Company will host "An Evening of Modern Dance" May 24 at Old Dominion University. Call 424-7584 for more information.

"buoyant optimism."

"Hush" is performed to a medley of traditional Negro spirituals. This solo by former Alvin Ailey artist Elbert Watson

was choreographed for Second Wind's "Voices" concert. Writer for *Dancer Magazine*, Judith Hatcher, wrote that "Watson was exceptionally eloquent" in this

"masterpiece . . . we hope to see again and again."

Beverly Duane's "Kadosh" is a moving portrayal of spiritual worship set to traditional Hebrew lyrics danced with incense burners. Another powerful work by Duane and Finney, "Burnt Center," tackles the issue of domestic violence by integrating dance and a live recital of Sharon Olds' poetry.

Beverly Duane's "Food Piece" focuses on body image and eating disorders. About Food Piece, Nancy Pollina of the *Buffalo News* wrote, "The magnitude of emotions and pain associated with eating disorders was portrayed with a rawness and irony that gave food for thought to anyone who ever counted a calorie."

Second Wind performs one evening only, Saturday, May 24 at 8 p.m. at University Theater, Hampton Boulevard and 46th Street in Norfolk. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens. For information, call 424-7584.

'American treasure' delights amphitheater

By ERIC STEVENS

Arts Correspondent

Victor Borge is an American treasure. Although known as the "Great Dane," about 60 of his 88 years have been spent here.

He was a stage and film star in his homeland while still in his 20s before World War II. Known for his barbs against Hitler, he escaped on the last American ship to leave Northern Europe.

But if he ever lost his accent, he's lost 10 percent of his charm.

From a musical family, Borge has been knighted in all five Scandinavian countries. He has written two books, and has brought more than 1,000 Scandinavians here for study or research. He holds the record for a one-man show on Broadway — 849 performances.

He performed Sunday at the

GTE Amphitheater before a huge crowd, accompanied by the marvelous Virginia Symphony Pops. It must have been the easiest gig they ever played.

Of his two hours on stage, Borge played perhaps 10 minutes alone and about 20 minutes with the symphony. Some of the time he conducted, at one point "banishing" the first violinist from stage, to be followed by a "suicide gunshot." Then he had the other violinists move up one chair.

The repertoire was mostly popular classics — "Claire de Lune," Della Reese's "Don't You Know" (actually Puccini) and "Full Moon and Empty Arms" (actually Rachmaninoff).

He has a marvelous touch at the keyboard. Those who complain that he is "too much mirth, not enough music" can buy "The Two Sides of Victor Borge" (one side strictly music) by calling 1-800-66-MUSIC.

Of course, he included his fabulous routines on "audible punctuation" and "inflationary words."

In a recent column I commented that musicians tend to be quite funny, or at least appreciate humor. Since then I've uncovered several reasons; that's another essay. But think about it. It might brighten your day.

Eric Stevens has been active locally since 1971 as a pianist, singer and bandleader.

Old Coast Guard Station opens 'Other Lifeguards'

The Old Coast Guard Station at 24th Street and Atlantic Avenue presents "The Other Lifeguards," an exhibit of photos and memorabilia of Virginia Beach lifeguards since the beginning of an organized lifeguard system in 1932.

This exhibit will be in the museum Lower Gallery from Tuesday, May 20 through Sunday, June 18.

The exhibit is included with museum admission. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and from noon - 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$2 for military and senior citizens, and \$1 for young people 6 to 18. Museum members receive free admission.

The Old Coast Guard Station is housed in the former Virginia Beach Coast Guard Station. The building is a Virginia Historic

Landmark of the National Register of Historic Places. Its exhibits tell the history of the Life-Saving/Coast Guard Service and stories of heroic shipwreck rescues. The Upper Gallery features a "War Years" exhibit detailing the German U-Boat presence along the Atlantic Coast in 1942 as World War II was beginning.

'Abner' auditions

Little Theatre of Virginia Beach, 24th Street and Barborton Drive, will hold auditions at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, May 19 and 20, for the musical "Li'l Abner" directed by Karen Buchheim.

Bring sheet music and be prepared to sing, dance and read from the script. Call 340-7832 for more information.

Little Theatre closes its season with 'Singapore'

The Little Theatre of Virginia Beach will end its current season with the Hampton Roads premier of "Songs of Singapore," a new musical comedy.

With book, music and lyrics by Allan Katz, Erik Frandsen, Michael Garin, Robert Hipkens and Paula Lockheart, "Song of Singapore" was first produced off Broadway about five years ago. It was later produced in Key West, Fla., where it was a huge success and played to packed houses. It is currently on tour with Loretta Swit in the lead.

As directed by Ann Heywood, "Song of Singapore" promises an evening of fun and entertainment as it reveals any hijinks in a nightclub involving a sinister Dragon Lady, fishy stolen jewels,

a torch singer with amnesia, corrupt police and a blind band leader who continues conducting a swing band as the Japanese invade their island. This musical is a witty parody of "Casablanca," a debt it pays homage to swing, blues, torch and gospel idioms.

"Song of Singapore" will open May 16 and run four weekends, closing Saturday, June 7. Performance dates are May 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and June 1, 6, 7. Evening performances at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 general admission, \$9 senior citizens, students and all Sunday matinees. For reservations, call 428-9233.



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Tourism industry says 'thanks'

Everyday working volunteers lauded

By MARGARET WINDLEY
Sun Correspondent

Tourism is vital to the city's economic well-being.

With that in mind the Virginia Beach tourism industry and the city's Department of Convention and Visitor Development said "thank you" at a luncheon at the Pavilion last week to the people who have helped make tourism here what it is today.

Their honors were not for the rich and famous, however, but for the volunteers and workers who are serve on the front-lines pleasing the 2.2 million-plus guests who come to the city annually.

Hospitality awards were given to 94 people whose behind-the-scenes work has played a significant part in pleasing visitors — waiters and waitresses, busboys, hostesses, kitchen staff and volunteers.

Honors also went to the people who have encouraged large conventions to come to the city. Thirty-seven individuals were recognized as ambassadors for their ability to bring large conventions to the city.

St. Schuse, a Tidewater Community College student who works at Super 8, was awarded the Resort Leadership Scholarship.

Special recognitions also went to the volunteers at the Francis Land House for their informative and interesting programs. Artwork by the third grade classes of Linkhorn Park, Thalia and Malibu Elementary Schools decorated the Pavilion's walls during the meal.

Travelers are important to



TOURISM WORKS! Mayor Meyers Oberndorf proclaimed that message last week during a special ceremony honoring those who make Virginia Beach's tourism industry a thriving business.

Virginia Beach's economy. So pleasing them is important.

They pump about \$490 million into the local economy and produce approximately \$38.7 million in tax revenues. The tourist industry has created 11,000 jobs in Virginia Beach and is indirectly responsible for 5,500 additional positions in a sort of economic echo.

"The fact that so many of our guests are repeat customers proves that you are doing a wonderful job."

Mayor Meyers Oberndorf

Following a proclamation by Gov. George Allen honoring National Tourism Week, Mayor Meyers Oberndorf added her own proclamation for the occasion. Allen saw the importance of tourism in Virginia not only because of the resort city, but also because of the state's 26 state parks, and historic cities such as Williamsburg, Monticello,

Mount Vernon and Richmond.

Oberndorf also honored the resort city's workers, who create a direct impression on visitors.

The fact that so many of our guests are repeat customers proves that you are doing a wonderful job," she said. "Repeat customers are in the 70 percent range."

Still, it's not every day however that recognitions are given out to people like Al Kitchen, the dishwasher at the Resort and Conference Center. Never late or absent, the top notch worker was given a hospitality award for his dishwashing.

And it was time to recognize the restaurant association category for host/hostess — Jesse Price at Captain George's for her ability to make each customer feel number one. She is a nursing student at DePaul Hospital.

In the bus person category Mike Pasquini of Captain George's was recognized for his helpfulness which included changing a flat tire for a customer. A 1997 appointee to the United States Air Force Academy, he volunteers at the

soup kitchen.

A public service award went to Charlotte Cramer at the Virginia Beach Visitor Information Center for her prompt, cooperative, and caring attitude. She has already received two class act awards this past year.

James Ricketts, director of the city's Department of Convention and Visitor Development, explained that thanks to the efforts of the ambassadors, 12,000 guests from military reunions came to Virginia Beach. He also announced that two hotels were being honored for exemplary service — the Cavalier Hotel and the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort.

"We feel that the beach is actually part of what makes our conference a success," said Diana Houle and Jack Wizenfeld, who were responsible for bringing to the city a conference of the Virginia Academy of Physicians' Assistants. "They have a conference every year. We chose Virginia Beach."

All Sue Hoffman had to do was mention the resort city. The members of the Mid-Atlantic African Violet Society wanted to come.

"We have had two conventions here," she said.

Keynote speaker William S. Norman, president of the Travel Industry Association of America, explained that the industry has won several significant regulatory victories getting local governments to rescind taxes negatively impacting the tourist trade.

"Travel and tourism is the third largest industry behind food and cars," he said. "Travel and tourism creates \$64 billion in tax revenues each year to federal, state, and local governments."

HOME IMPROVEMENT

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For suburbanites, farmers and "weekend woodsmen," tree felling is an important part of any cleanup.

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ADS hospice prepares for opening

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project.

Looking tan and fit, his hair stylishly slicked back, few would guess David is battling the final stages of AIDS. He was diagnosed HIV-positive in 1985 and been full-blown for two years.

He maintains that a healthy, careful lifestyle and the will to see Maurus House become a reality keep him going.

"A lot of people who are diagnosed with HIV only see death," he explained. "They feel like they're nothing they can do, but I'm proof — I've lived a year and half beyond what they gave me."

An original founder of Hampton Roads' AIDS Walk, he is outspoken about HIV and AIDS issues. He quickly cites statistics about the spread of the deadly virus.

"AIDS is the leading cause of death of all Americans aged 22 to 44. One in four new HIV infections occur in people under age 22," David said.

And, he quickly added, "It's not a gay thing," noting Centers

for Disease Control statistics that state 19 percent of new cases in 1995 were among women.

What concerns him most is the inability for most HIV-positive people to afford the battery of drugs drugs and medical care needed to live longer and fight the virus.

David is one of the lucky few. "But," he said, "nine out of 10 AIDS patients don't even have health insurance."

Maurus House will allow those facing their final days to live in comfortable, peaceful surroundings.

The cost to stay at the hospice will run around \$35 a day, just a fraction of the \$650 average at a traditional nursing facility.

Although it's not open yet, Maurus House supporters are already labeling the project a success. Community support has been outstanding.

St. Gregory's Catholic Church donated the brick ranch to the cause, and individuals have chipped in with monetary donations, small appliances and other articles.



Photo by Victoria Hecht

GRUNTWORK. David Moscone is undertaking much of the work to make Maurus House a reality by June 1. It will be the first AIDS hospice in Virginia Beach.

An anonymous parishioner donated a new dishwasher, while Portsmouth General Hospital pitched in with three electric hospital beds, dressers and nightstands for the bedrooms. Paint was donated by HQ, Duran and Sherwin Williams.

One volunteer even built the handicapped ramps and deck in

memory of a family member who died of AIDS.

Funding remains the big question. A non-profit organization, Maurus House is receiving no monies from area AIDS agencies and organizations.

David said the hope is an endowment fund, which he is aggressively pitching. He'd like to raise \$100,000, which would then be invested, with gains to pay for monthly expenses of three patients.

He said the first three are already waiting to move in. In the meantime, David is lobbying the community for fund donations.

"With all the work that's gone into this, it's a house that's here to stay. This isn't something that was made overnight," he said.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clubs

The Suffolk Chapter of the Colonial Dames 17th Century, which draws its membership from the entire Tidewater area, will meet at the Norfolk Yacht Club Saturday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. The program will be a talk by Dr. R. Fenton Wicker Jr., former Navy chaplain and resident of Virginia Beach, on "Puritan Religion." Following his presentation, chapter chaplain, Francis Knight will install the officers for the new club year, 1997-99.

Education

College Financial Services will sponsor a free workshop for parents and students who need college financial assistance, on Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. on the Virginia Beach Commonwealth College Campus and on Thursday, May 22 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Grandbrier, Chesapeake.

Windsor Oaks Elementary School will host Pages Book Fairs May 19 - 23. The book fair will be open in the school library Monday through Thursday from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday from 8:45 a.m.-11 a.m. It will also be open Monday night before the PTA meeting, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Students who attend with their families before the PTA meeting can enter a drawing for \$25 worth of free books. The Pages Book Fair is a "buy one, get one of equal or lesser value free" event.

Looking for new summer activities? The Adult Learning Center at 4160 Virginia Beach Blvd. is offering new special interest GED, preGED and ESL classes for the summer. The 1997 summer catalog can be found in the *Virginian-Pilot*, at the center, area libraries, recreation centers and Barnes and Nobles on Sunday, May 17.

The Beach Educators Association for Creative Homeschooling (B.E.A.C.H.), the Mid-Atlantic regional homeschool support group in Virginia Beach, will present its annual 1997 Mid-Atlantic Book and Curriculum Fair on Friday, May 30 from 5-9 p.m. and

Saturday, May 31 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Convention Center.

For further information, write B.E.A.C.H., P.O. Box 64516, Virginia Beach, VA 23467-4516, or call 363-1163.

There will be a "Playful Learning" demonstration on Monday, May 19 from 7-8 p.m. at the Kempville Area Library (832 Kempville Road). Pat Sears, an early childhood coordinator with the Virginia Beach City Public Schools, will offer practical suggestions to help parents prepare their preschoolers for school and eager to learn. This program is for adults only and participants will receive a "Super Start" sack filled with ideas and activities to help children learn important skills.

Government

There will be a Planning Commission workshop on Monday, May 19 at 5 p.m. in the city manager's conference room, City Hall. The subject of the workshop will be the Comprehensive Plan. For further information, contact Tom Pauls of the Planning Department staff at 427-4621.

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Good samaritans help make homeless shelter's future solid; celebration held

Volunteers pitched in to save eight program facilities

By PENNY A. POWELL
Sun Correspondent

Last September, Dawn Grigsby had heard just about enough about victims of domestic abuse when she decided the time had come for her to take action.

With a strong desire to help victims of violence, she made a trip to Samaritan House and asked, "What can I do?"

The Samaritan House works tirelessly to do away with homelessness and domestic violence. Until that actually happens, the organization provides shelter and other services to victims of domestic abuse and families in crisis.

However, if the house failed to raise \$500,000 by March, it would have lost eight of its HUD homes used to shelter women and children.

Thanks to the community, the money was raised — and the HUD homes were not only saved, but Samaritan House was able to purchase them.

"The Share Our Strength campaign was about a year a half ago," explained Judy Schorr, volunteer coordinator for Samaritan House, "and the grass-roots volunteers came forth and raised close to \$400,000 — \$500,000 was needed. So with grants that were kicked in from the state, as well as The Dollar Tree, which gave \$142,500, we managed to receive over \$700,000 in donations. With that we paid off our HUD homes."

Samaritan House also recently acquired a 32-unit apartment building to be used as transitional housing for victims of domestic violence, as well as regular rentals.

Last Saturday an event celebrating the community's volunteer spirit to save the homes, Family Health and Fitness Day, took place at the Pavilion. That's where Grigsby comes into the picture.

At the time Grigsby approached the Samaritan House, she had recently bought her own business, Four Star Fitness Corporation, and



GREAT JOB! Samaritan House volunteers celebrated their victory last weekend with a Family Health and Fitness Day.

figured there must be something she could do for the shelters. According to Grigsby, this sort of thing was not common or her.

So where and why did she acquire such a burning desire to extend a helping hand to Samaritan House?

"Actually, that came about from watching News Channel 3," she explained. "They did stories on survivors of domestic abuse and Samaritan House possibly losing the eight shelters if they didn't raise the money for it — and it bothered me. I saw four stories on it last summer and even into September WTKR had somebody on 'Live at Nine' that was a survivor of domestic abuse."

Because Grigsby felt so strongly about helping "to fight for those who can't fight for themselves," she felt that she had to at least make an attempt.

"I'm not an activist," she declared. "I don't usually go out and do things like this. I really felt strongly that something needed to be done and I wanted to be a part of it."

Grigsby came up with the idea to coordinate a community Family Health and Fitness Fair as a means of raising money for Samaritan House. So she and her committee, which began with

30 members but dwindled to 10, rolled up their sleeves and got busy. In three short months they did something fantastically big — Grigsby's help "excelled above and beyond what she initially imagined she could do for Samaritan House."

"I don't know how it happened," she wondered.

All proceeds from the first Family Health and Fitness Fair will be donated to the Samaritan House.

"None of my committee made any money, my company did not make any money from this — that was not the point," Grigsby said.

While many exhibition booths lined the walkways inside the Pavilion halls, lectures and a wide variety of activities and performances took place throughout the day.

"I'm delighted with the support we had here," said Grigsby.

Thanks to another of the fair's committee members, a shiny new vehicle was donated from Freedom Ford to be raffled off to a lucky winner. The burgundy pick-up truck will not be given away until Aug. 6 and will be showcased at all of the city's major events until that date.

Tickets for the truck are available for \$1 at all William E. Wood locations.

funding for the project.

In the meantime, the city resolution calls for the enforcement and prosecution of violations of all laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to the Bow Creek Motel and its operation.

The resolution also directs the city manager to carry out the study in the budget and to identify alternative means of meeting the needs of the neighborhood including providing funding in the 1998-99 capital budget for the acquisition and demolition of the motel and the construction of a new neighborhood park.

Council adopts budget Tuesday

Continued From Page 1

said Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, is "have a wish list."

Of the total city operating budget, \$411.05 million was set aside for the schools under a plan which was an attempt to compromise the \$409,051,705 set aside for the schools in the original budget proposal under the city's new revenue sharing plan, and the \$422,294,892 requested by the school board. The school board later got its request down to \$415 million.

In his summary preceding council consideration of the budget, Block said that the budget includes the addition of 23 police personnel; 13 firefighters (\$159,997), which will meet the requirements of OSHA; a dollar per capita (\$61,040) will be set aside for arts and humanities; regional commitments — Independence Center (\$32,500) and Tidewater Legal Aid (\$8,750); library hours extended at the Pungo Library (\$20,000); and, a landscape beautification pilot project, \$100,000.

Also city employee pay raises will equal 3.215 percent of payroll.

The real estate tax remains at \$1.22 per \$100 valuation although the higher assessed value will result in an effective tax rate increase for many.

The Sandbridge Special Service District real estate tax rate was increased from six cents to 12 cents per \$100 valuation.

The 5.5 percent lodging tax will be continued with the extension of the half cent which

had a sunset provision which would have eliminated it on July 1. It was extended through June 30, 2000. Also the transient lodging tax in the Sandbridge Special Service District was increased from four percent to five percent.

The monthly utility service charges on residential consumers was increased from \$12 to \$15 and for commercial and industrial purchases, the increase is 25 percent of the service charges for the first \$2000 of monthly service charges rather than the first \$1,600.

The amount of monthly services on which residential consumers of telecommunications services was increased from \$12 to \$15. For commercial purchasers the taxable amount was increased from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Washington's birthday, celebrated on the third Monday in February, was eliminated as a holiday to provide for a second flexible personal holiday for employees.

Now employees can use that holiday as a personal, national, religious or other holiday the city does not observe.

The stormwater management utility fee will be increased. Where previously the fee had been calculated on a monthly basis (\$2.74) it will be calculated at a rate of \$106 a day for an average of \$3.22 a month effective July 1, 1997 and on July 1, 1998, the rate will increase to \$1.21 a day for an average of \$3.68 a month.

For the record, Parker noted that she had consistently opposed the Sandbridge project. McClanan also registered her opposition to the utility service

and local telecommunication service tax increase; to the elimination of George Washington's birthday as a holiday and to the stormwater management utility rate increase.

The two new school capital projects were \$5,435,000 for operating budget support and \$600,000 for remodeling Cooke Elementary School. The other projects which will be funded from the anticipated school fund balance are renovations and repairs, \$1.24 million; renovations and roofing, \$1.478 million, and renovations and repairs to the HVAC (air conditioning) systems.

The appropriations were made subject to the availability of sufficient year-end revenues in the school board's 1996-97 operating budget.

Block in his summary said that local funding for the school operating budget is up 8.6 percent. With the addition by council of \$1.25 million to the recommendation of City manager James K. Spore new local funding amounts to \$182,230,572.

Over three years, he said, the increase has amounted to \$47.7 million (a 35.5 percent increase while enrollment has increased 3.3 percent; also in that period, the \$12 million operating fund deficit was covered by the city and the \$3.2 million textbook fund shortfall was restored.

The school surplus will be applied toward basics-paint, backlogged repairs, school buses and roof replacements and air conditioning.

Cooke Elementary modernization will be included in the eight-school modernization referendum planned for 1998.

Princess Anne Plaza pleas may reap council response on motel

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

The emotional outpouring by residents of Princess Anne Plaza over what they consider a detriment and hazard to their neighborhood may have reaped some results.

The residents, mostly mothers and children, at a public hearing on the city's operating and capital budgets, had asked council to restore \$99,000 to the capital budget for the acquisition and demolition of the Bow Creek Motel. Often tearfully, the residents reported that the disorder and violations at the motel negatively impacted their neighborhood and kept children

from attending the Bow Creek Recreation Center next door. They said that the children were not permitted to go to the center because they would have to pass by the motel property.

The speakers wanted the city to use the property as a neighborhood park, which had been the plan.

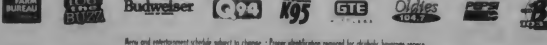
Tuesday council adopted a resolution, requested by councilmembers William W. Harrison Jr. and Reba S. McClanan, recognizing citizen concerns and stating that if sufficient funds are available from the 1996-97 year-end surplus, the city manager should consider the acceleration of

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THE WINNERS. Miss Virginia Beach winners and contestants, from left, were: Bridget Babonis; Meghan Shanley, Miss Virginia Beach 1997; Nicole Lindstedt, first runner-up; Melissa Potter, second runner-up; Genevieve Gaillard, third runner-up; Michalah Parker, fourth runner-up; Shannon Smith; and, Christina Angelo.



STANDOUTS. Finalists in the Miss Tidewater Pageant, from left, were: Angie Beale, fifth runner-up; Kimberly Yeager, fourth runner-up; Jill McDonald, third runner-up; Melinda Sherron, second runner-up; Sarah Blankenship, first runner-up; and, Natasha Halsey, Miss Tidewater 1997.

Miss Tidewater, Va. Beach crowned

Miss Virginia Beach and Miss Tidewater were crowned recently at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

The new Miss Virginia Beach is Meghan Elizabeth Shanley, a 17-year-old senior at Princess Anne High School. She will be attending Elon College in September, majoring in broadcast journalism.

She was also Little Miss Virginia Beach in 1989. She is the daughter of Phillip and Deborah Shanley of Virginia Beach.

The new Miss Tidewater is Natasha Rochelle Halsey, an 18-year-old rising sophomore at Norfolk State University, majoring in chemistry (premed).

Halsey recently performed on Michael Jackson's latest album. She was Miss Deep Creek 1995 and the homecoming queen 1996 at Deep Creek High School. She is the daughter of Reginald and Felicia Halsey of Chesapeake.

The first runner-up for Miss Virginia Beach was Nicole-Leah Lindstedt, 17. She is the daughter

of Mark and Debra Lindstedt and a senior at Salem High School.

The second runner-up was Melissa Diana Potter, 17. She is the daughter of Tom and Cindi Potter and is a senior at Kellam High School and Miss Kellam High School.

The third runner-up was Genevieve Luisa Gaillard, 21. She is the daughter of Franklin and Sandra Gaillard and will graduate from the University of Virginia in September.

The fourth runner-up was Michalah Gabrielle Parker, 18. She is the daughter of Stephen and Terrianne Dawson and a senior at Kellam High School.

The first runner-up for Miss Tidewater was Sarah Blankenship, a junior at University of Tennessee and the daughter of Wesley and Maury I. Blankenship of Chesterfield.

The second runner-up was Melinda Lee Anne Sharron, a senior at the Collegiate School. She is the daughter of Dr. Ronald Sharron and Dr. Jo Ann Sharron



THE MASTER. Master of ceremonies Tom Schultheis entertained pageant-goers.

of Rockville.

The third runner-up was Jill Marie MacDonald, a 20-year-old Junior at William and Mary. She is the daughter of Bruce and Brenda MacDonald of Williamsburg.

The fourth runner-up was Kimberly Dawn Yeager, a 21-year-old senior at Liberty University, daughter of Gerald L. Yeager and Jane Risher of Lynchburg.

The winners will go to Roanoke in June to compete for the Miss Virginia title.

Master of ceremonies was Tom Schultheis, a local and national television entertainer. Mistress of ceremonies was Amber Medlin, Miss Virginia 1995.

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia:
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, May 27, 1997 at 6:30 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:
CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:
KEMPSPVILLE BOROUGH

1. An Ordinance upon Application of CMSS Architects for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District and B-2 Community Business District to Conditional A-18 Apartment District on the following parcels:
Parcel 1: From R-10 to Conditional A-18 on property located 180 feet more or less north of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 700 feet more or less east of S. Parliament Drive.

Parcel 2: From B-2 to Conditional A-18 on property located on the north side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 730 feet more or less east of S. Parliament Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional A-18 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 18 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban medium density residential at densities that are compatible with single-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 2.72 acres. KEMPSPVILLE BOROUGH.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Zimmer Development Co. of Virginia, L.P., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Residential District and B-2 Community Business District to Conditional B-1 Neighborhood Business District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Princess Anne Road and S. Parliament Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to B-1 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for single family residential at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.6 acres. KEMPSPVILLE BOROUGH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for Changes of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District, B-2 Community Business District, R-10 Residential District, P-1 Preservation District and H-1 Hotel District to AG-1 Agricultural District on certain property located 2,000 feet more or less southeast of the intersection of Princess Anne Road and Dam Neck Roads. The proposed zoning classification change to AG-1 is for agricultural land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for agricultural use in accordance with Plan policies regarding Transitional Area 1. Said parcels contain 1,112 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
4. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature (golf course, clubhouse and associated facilities) on certain property located 2500 feet more or less southwest of the intersection of Princess Anne Road and Judicial Boulevard. Said parcel contains 310 acres more or less. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature (multi-purpose stadium & associated facilities) on certain property located 2000 feet southeast of the intersection of Princess Anne and Dam Neck Road. Said parcel contains 153 acres more or less. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

STREET CLOSURE:
LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH
6. Application of Mark R. Lichtenstein for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Sydnor Street beginning at the southern boundary of 55th Street and running in a southerly direction a distance of 105.10 feet along the eastern boundary of Sydnor Street. Said parcel is variable in width and contains 4,102 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

AMENDMENT:
7. Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Section 1521 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to drive-through facilities in the RT-3 Resort Tourist District. All interested parties are invited to attend.
COPIES OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS ARE ON FILE AND MAY BE EXAMINED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING FOR INFORMATION CALL 427-4621.
Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE City Clerk
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or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf) 19-1 215-16

Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF ALLEN
IN THE ALLEN SUPERIOR COURT
WILLIAM D. LANTZ,
Petitioner, vs.
ROBERTA L. LEFERVA,
Respondent.
CAUSE NO. 02D07-9109-JP-671

NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that William D. Lantz has filed a Motion To Set Specific Visitation and Information For Contempt in the Allen County Superior Court in Cause No. 02D07-9109-JP-671. This notice is directed to Roberta L. LeFerva whose last known address is 200 Croquis Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462. You are hereby ordered to appear on the 18th day of June, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. to hear and present evidence on the above-referenced petition. Failure to appear could result in adverse rulings entered against you.
James C. Yankosky, #18468-49
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Public Notice

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Serial: 1G4AS35PKD416116
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Auction: 1984 MERCURY TOPAZ 4DR GREY
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NOTICE
The annual return of the American Environment Foundation is available for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen requesting it within 180 days of this date. Inspection may be made at 2316 Spindrift Road, Virginia Beach, Va. Call V.J. Davis at 804-481-1495.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE OF
1708 Arcurus Lane
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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Wendell W. Hockaday and Rosalind L. Hockaday, dated August 24, 1995, and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, in Deed Book 3533, at page 720, securing a loan in the original principal amount of \$11,925.00, default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured and at the request of the holder of said Note, a Substitute Trustee of said Deed of Trust will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the following property:
ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, lying, situate and being in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and being known, numbered and designated as Lot 27, in Block F, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Salem Villages, Section One, Part 3, Kempsville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia," made by Talbot and Associates, Ltd., which said plat is duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Map Book 145, at Page 52.

Reference is hereby made to the aforesaid Deed of Trust for a more particular description of the property. This sale is subject to a prior Deed of Trust, the terms of which will be announced at the time of sale on May 27, 1997, at 3:00 p.m. on the front steps of Donald F. Bennis, P.C., 4848 Viking Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. TERMS: Cash

BIDDER'S DEPOSIT OF 10% OF BID, balance within 10 days from sale. Donald F. Bennis, Substitute Trustee, 4848 Viking Drive, Suite 160, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452. FOR INFORMATION TELEPHONE: 804-498-1700

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PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH
1. An Ordinance upon Application of Joseph Overholt, Trustee Overholt Trust for a Conditional Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southwest corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Salem Road. The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban medium residential at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 15 acres. KEMPSPVILLE BOROUGH.
Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE City Clerk
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CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:
LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH
1. An Ordinance upon Application of Paul D. Rowan for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to Conditional B-1 Neighborhood Business District on 4.58 acres more or less on the west side of S. Birdneck Road beginning at a point 840 feet north of Belts road and from I-2 Light Industrial District to Conditional AG-1 Agricultural District on 5.01 acres more or less located 340 feet more or less west of Birdneck Road and 840 feet more or less north of Belts Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-1 and AG-1 is for an animal hospital. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for industrial use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said property contains a total of 9.59 acres more or less. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Paul D. Rowan for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Industrial District on the west side of S. Birdneck Road beginning at a point 1175 feet more or less north of Belts Road. The proposed Conditional I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for industrial use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 7.28 acres more or less. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

An Ordinance upon Application of Paul D. Rowan for a Conditional Use Permit for an animal hospital on certain property located on the west side of S. Birdneck Road, 840 feet north of Belts Road. Said parcel contains 15 acres more or less. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.
Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE City Clerk
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Virginia Wesleyan names building for retired president

Lambuth M. Clarke, former president of Virginia Wesleyan College, was awarded the Jerry G. Bray Distinguished Service Medal at the annual dinner of the Board of Trustees and President's Advisory Council recently.

He is the third recipient of the medal, which was established in October 1995 in honor of Judge Jerry G. Bray Jr., who was also the first person awarded the medal. Bray served for 31 years as VWC board chairman. Jane Batten, cur-

rent chair, succeeded him when he retired in 1995.

Clarke served as president of Virginia Wesleyan from 1966 to 1992, during which time the campus experienced its initial phases of development. Enrollment grew from 75 students to 1,400; the original faculty and staff of 20 increased to 208; and a \$500,000 endowment grew to \$7,300,000. His tenure set the stage for the college to be classified by The Carnegie Foundation as a baccalaureate institution. And to be included in *U.S. News and World Report's* ranking of national liberal arts colleges.

After his retirement in 1992, Clarke became president emeritus. He has continued to serve the college as an ambassador and as an honorary chairman of the Consider the Harvest capital campaign.

Beach residents, ODU faculty members earn excellence awards

Old Dominion University honored five faculty members and one administrator recently at its annual awards program.

■ Virginia Beach resident Nina W. Brown received the A. Rufus Toulson Faculty Award, which recognizes excellence in teaching, research or service. Sponsored by the Alumni Association, the award includes a check for \$2,000.

Brown, a professor of counseling, was recognized by the selection committee for her accomplishments in each of the three areas considered for the award.

One of the first graduates of the master's program in counseling at Old Dominion, she has taught at the university for 29 years. She consistently receives high evaluations from her students, and she has directed five doctoral dissertations.

Brown is the author of six books, has one book in press and another under contract. She is considered an expert in group counseling and the destructive narcissistic pattern.

In the area of service, she chaired the university Faculty Senate from 1987-90, the only woman and faculty member from the Darden College of Education to be elected to that post. Over the past nine years Brown has assisted the College of Engineering and Technology in a number of areas, including serving as chair of the Underrepresented Minorities in Engineering Program. She has obtained over \$100,000 in NASA grants for minority undergraduate researchers.

■ Chuh Mei, also of Virginia Beach, received the Outstanding Faculty Research Award, which has a cash award of \$1,000.

A faculty member at Old Dominion since 1979, Mei has received more than \$2.3 million in research grants from NASA Langley Research Center and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

Mei is recognized nationally and internationally as an authority on nonlinear vibrations. He has directed Old Dominion's Center for Structural Acoustics

and Fatigue since 1989.

■ Diane Davis of Norfolk was presented the Instructional Technology Teaching Award in recognition of her achievements related to the development of classroom application of Multi-User Domains. Davis' integration of new technologies into her courses, including the creation of a text-based virtual reality on computer, helps students further develop their skills in advanced writing, rhetorical theory and composition.

An assistant professor of English, Davis received a \$4,000 grant to enhance her office or classroom computing environment with new software or peripheral devices.

■ Two faculty members shared the annual TELETECHNET Teacher of the Year Award: Dianne Cyr Camody of Norfolk and Scott R. Schriest of Chesapeake. Each of them received a check for \$500.

The award recognizes outstanding faculty who teach televised courses to students at sites throughout the state via TELETECHNET, the university's distance learning network. The selection process for the award is based largely on student evaluations.

A first-year assistant professor of sociology and criminal justice, Camody taught the "Violence Against Women" course during the spring semester to more than 100 students at 20 sites.

Schriest, associate professor and program director of medical laboratory sciences and environmental health, taught "Medical Terminology" last fall to more than 100 students at 19 TELETECHNET sites.

■ Catherine S. Austin, also of Chesapeake, received the Administrator of the Year Award. Sponsored by the Association of University Administrators, the award includes a check for \$500. A 15-year Old Dominion employee, Austin has served as university controller in the Office of Finance since 1991. She is described by colleagues as a "hands-on manager" with a management style that promotes employee empowerment.

HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

Use caution when investing in business

Franchising has become one of the most popular ways for individuals to start their own businesses. However, without carefully investigating a business before you purchase it, you may make an expensive mistake.

While the majority of franchisors are legitimate, a number of them operate under false pretenses. In these cases, the victim may be subjected to fast-paced, high-pressure sales tactics and is often given fictitious sales projections, testimonials and slick promotional brochures.

He or she is urged to act immediately to take advantage of a "ground floor" opportunity.

When the sale is completed and money collected, a number of incidents may happen: the scam artist may disappear with the investment, the franchisor may go out of business, products or services may turn out to be inferior, overpriced or unmarketable, or specialized training promised by the franchisor may be insufficient.

By the time victims realize they have been scammed, it's usually too late.

The Better Business Bureau suggests using caution as the best defense. Before you enter into a

business arrangement, be sure you understand the responsibilities of all parties.

Under the Federal Trade Commission rule, the seller is required to provide a detailed disclosure document at least ten business days before you pay any money or legally commit yourself to a purchase. This information includes identifying information about the seller, background information on the business and its officers, and substantial details on how the franchise agreement works, along with restrictions on such things as geographical boundaries or conditions on the right to sell or transfer ownership.

Listen carefully to the sales presentation. Some sales tactics should signal caution. For example, if you are pressured to sign immediately "because prices will go up tomorrow" or "another buyer wants this deal," you should slow down, not accelerate, your purchase decision. A seller with a good offer does not have to use this sort of pressure.

If promises are made by a salesperson, be sure they're written into the contract before you sign. If the salesperson says one thing and your contract says

something different, your contract is what counts.

If the seller balks at putting verbal promises in writing, you should be alert to potential problems. You might want to look for another business.

Unless you've had considerable business experience, you may want to get an attorney, accountant or a business advisor

to read the disclosure document and proposed contract to counsel you and help you get the best deal.

Before doing business with a company, contact the Better Business Bureau for a reliability report.

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High-flying fun

Boomerang expert John Koehler paid a visit to Linkhorn Park Elementary School recently to share boomerang techniques and secrets with the children. In turn, students got the chance to throw some. Participating in the activity, from left, is Ryan Harbour, Emily Cole, Koehler, John Dorrance and Heather Gomez. Koehler was 1991 International Boomerang Champion.

Council questions Alliance

Veterans to remember comrades on Monday

"A Day of Remembrance and Thankfulness" will be celebrated as the Virginia Beach Mayor's Veterans Committee commemorate Memorial Day with a five-hour citizens vigil on Monday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial at 19th Street.

A formal ceremony will begin at noon with a 21-gun salute and message by keynote speaker Congressman Owen B. Pickett being introduced by Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf. At 1 p.m., weather

permitting, a flyover will occur including Navy F-14's from NAS Oceana and a Coast Guard C-130 and HH60 helicopter from the Coast Guard Air Station, Elizabeth City, North Carolina. The U.S. Atlantic Fleet Navy Band will also participate in the event.

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 48 will provide a 21-gun salute on each hour during the vigil. They have provided the hourly salute during the citizens vigil for the past eight years.

Swing back to the good old days this weekend

This weekend will be filled with music at the Virginia Beach oceanfront.

Swing back into time with Big Band favorites — Dick Crist and The Sounds of Swing on Friday, The Pat Curtis Orchestra on Saturday and Dreamstreet on Sunday.

All performances take place at the 24th Street Stage located at the oceanfront. All

concerts are free and open to the public. Each performance begins at 7 p.m. and ends at 9:30 p.m.

Listen to Big Band favorites like "Night and Day," "Mack the Knife," "Summertime," "In the Mood" and "Evergreen" "Swing" and "King." This event is hosted by the city of Virginia Beach and Beach Events.

Equi-Kids hosts open house for new facility

Equi-Kids Therapeutic Riding Program will host its Third Annual Open House on May 31 at its new location, Brookgreen Farm, 1252 Oceana Blvd.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf will be the guest of honor at a ribbon cutting ceremony from noon - 1 p.m. This event will feature a therapeutic horse show, silent auction, Paso Fino demonstration, miniature horse driving, face painting, Breyer model horse show and a visit by the Virginia Beach Mounted

Patrol unit.

A sample of silent auction donations are a private tour of the governor's mansion in Richmond, signed book on the Governor's mansion, an American Girl doll, wines, gift certificates, movie passes, jewelry, Breyer model horse and more. Parking is \$1. Concessions will be provided by the Crescent Bay Pony Club of Virginia Beach.

For more information, call Barbara Ford, 425-8833.

Young anglers tackle the joys of fishing

Help your youngster tackle the basics of angling Virginia waters by attending a family fishing clinic. You and your child will team up with an experienced fisherman for guided instructions on beginning fishing skills. Admission is free.

The clinic will be held Saturday, June 7 from 8:30-

12:30 p.m. at Munden Point Park and is open to children aged 6 to 14 who are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For more information, call the Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation, 471-5884, TDD 471-5839. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

Old Donation Center plans summer school

Summer school will be held at Old Donation Center from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., July 21 - 31, Monday through Thursday. To be eligible, current second through fifth grade students must attend ODC during the regular school year or be on their elementary school's Principal's List or Honor Roll.

Parents are responsible for

providing a bag lunch and transportation to and from Old Donation Center each day. The cost of the two week summer camp is \$125, payable at the time of registration. Registration must be sent to ODC prior to May 31. For further information and applications, contact Dr. Martha Tompkins, Old Donation Center, 473-5043.

Civil War weekend set at Lynnhaven House

A full weekend of living history awaits Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1 from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the historic Lynnhaven House.

There is no charge for children under 16; for young people aged 6 to 18, the fee is \$1, and for adults, \$3. It includes a tour of the Colonial period Lynnhaven House with costumed guides.

The Third Regiment of the Virginia Volunteer Infantry, some of whom appeared in the

motion picture "Gettysburg," will set up and re-enact a tent encampment in Confederate uniforms and authentic weapons. Troops will drill, fire rifles and perform camp activities such as meal preparation.

The Lynnhaven House is located at 4405 Wishart Rd. off Independence Boulevard/Haygood Road intersection and near Haygood Shopping Center. For more information, call 456-0351 or 481-2145.

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

Is Virginia Beach buying a pig in a poke by paying \$482,278 during the 1997-98 fiscal year into the Hampton Roads Economic Alliance?

Or, as councilman Louis R. Jones put it — "It's like going to (councilman Harold Heischob's automobile dealership) and buying a Mazda, but he won't tell you the color?"

The issue was the decision of the Chubb Group of Insurance companies to locate its first Rapid Response Unit centralized claim service center in Chesapeake.

The \$10 million facility, which will be located in Chesapeake's Battlefield Corporate Center on the west side of Battlefield Boulevard North, expects to employ more than 250 people when it opens in 1998 and may expand in future years.

Chubb Insurance location to Chesapeake prompts issue

Virginia Beach, Orlando and Chesapeake were the finalists from an original list of 28 localities considered by Chubb for the location of its 65,000-square-foot building from which it will handle claims east of the Mississippi River. The facility will also serve as the primary training center for future employees.

City Manager James K. Spore, at an informal session of the Virginia Beach City Council last week said that the staff was unhappy with the way the matter was handled by the Alliance, an organization of 15 communities, the private sector and other interested groups (educational, military) dedicated to bringing

business into Hampton Roads.

The object is to promote the region on the premise that bringing business into the region will benefit all the communities.

This time, however, Virginia Beach officials believe they were not treated fairly.

Economic Development Director Donald Maxwell said that he was denied permission to speak to the prospect after the client had selected Virginia for its project through the efforts of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance.

The underlying problem is that the Alliance does not have guidelines yet and, Spore said,

they won't be available until June.

Jones said that the city is getting ready to appropriate \$432,000 to the Alliance (a \$1 per capita contribution was requested of the localities) "when we don't know what we're buying."

The appropriation was later included in the approved budget, but councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. pointed out that the city still has until July 1 (the beginning of the new fiscal year) to make changes. He said the city hasn't made any pledge.

Jones said that his understanding was "we're going to be treated fairly."

Vice Mayor William D. Sessoms Jr. said that the city will have more votes in the organization since the number of votes will be based on the the

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Planners plot new historically-themed Bayside area trail

By Jane Rowe

Correspondent

At first glance, Bayside's bedroom communities, offices and shopping centers seem like an unlikely place to develop a scenic hiking or biking trail.

But long before the post-World War II era of suburban sprawl, 17th-century settlers found their way here via the Chesapeake Bay. They established a community along the Lynnhaven River in what's now the northern section of Virginia Beach, and some of these houses and public buildings still stand not far from bustling highways.

"It would not be expensive because we're not creating any new trails, but using existing routes."

Steven Hawthorne, Pembroke Meadows Civic League president

These buildings, carefully preserved, are within an easy bike ride or walk of many contemporary residential communities, according to bicycling enthusiast Steven Hawthorne.

That's why Hawthorne, who has been involved in civic affairs for years, thought a bike trail through his community would be a good idea. What makes it a better idea, he added, is the fact that

these historical sites are already connected by existing roads and streets.

"I thought it was an interesting concept to develop a walking tour on existing streets," said Hawthorne, who's president of the Pembroke Meadows Civic League.

Hawthorne, who's meeting with area citizens and city staff members to begin planning the trail, wants input from the city's Department of Parks and Recreation, the public libraries and local businesses on this project. His main focus, right now, is getting the public involved, he said.

"We need to get organized," he said, "and see what resources are available, and get the public involved." The project should be particularly appealing both to city officials and to the taxpayers, he added, because it won't cost a lot of money.

"It would be inexpensive because we're not creating any new trails, but using existing routes," he said. "But we need to find out what legwork will be involved," and who will perform the work of planning, mapping and marking the trail.

The proposed historic trail would wind its way through Bayside and past several historical sites, including plantation houses, churches and old communities.

Plans for the trail are tentative, and no one's exactly sure what or who will be involved, Hawthorne

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School 'melting pot' prompts cultural diversity discussion

By M.J. Knoblock

Correspondent

The "cultural diversity" is one of the new catch phrases of the decade.

Most people use it to refer to ethnic differences.

As Virginia Beach's population continues to increase, the schools are seeing a growing melting pot of various religious, socioeconomic and racial backgrounds.

How can educators reach everyone when each group has its own special needs and desires? The Virginia Beach School Board's Diversity Awareness Committee recently brought in a noted national speaker and authority on the subject.

Dr. Mary Montle Bacon, a California-based training

consultant with 25 years in education, gave presentations to the city's principals and assistant principals last week to help them focus on solutions to growing concerns.

She then held a separate presentation for committee members and a small group of students and parents at Princess Anne High School during the "Making Challenges Opportunities" forum.

Bacon said that the biggest challenges that youth face today occur in school.

"One of the major challenges children face is the lack of a road map in navigating a world where difference is the norm," Bacon stated.

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Photo by Bob Rueggsegger
AHoy, MATEYS! Blackbeard the Pirate, as interpreted by Ben Cherry, delighted guests at the Francis Land House's "Legends of the Beach" program last week.

Land House celebration looks at 'Legends of Past'

Popular event could become annual activity

By Bob Rueggsegger

Correspondent

The "Legends of the Beach" program, which began as a 10th anniversary celebration of the Francis Land House becoming a museum, might become an annual event as a direct result of enthusiastic response.

Museum Education Specialist Vicki R. Harvey again assembled an incredible variety of living history interpreters for the popular program.

Fleeced by the ample crowd Friday, Harvey observed, "It's just a great program. If you just look at the faces of the kids running around, you can see how great it is."

Legends of the Beach had special relevance to third grade students who have been studying Virginia Beach history.

"This is for them," Harvey emphasized. "What they're seeing out here is what they're learning about in their classrooms. So it just brings it alive to them."

The enthusiasm was present on the countenances of the youngsters as well as their parents. Everyone appeared to be having a grand time — especially the interpreters.

Ben Cherry, who portrayed the



DAAD WORK. Young Francis Land, played by Gregory Dragas, cleans out a wooden bucket. Colonial-era youths had many tasks.

infamous pirate Blackbeard, delighted children and adults alike with his tales of plunder and pillage. Laughing and scowling whenever it seemed appropriate, Cherry seemed to hold the program participants spellbound at times.

With eyes bulging in mock rage, he turned to a group of youngsters and demanded, "Do you know who had of Blackbeard killed?"

There was no response. "Your governor, Alexander Spotswood. That's who!" Cherry

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Commentary

MEMORIAL DAY 1997

Our fallen heroes

They said goodbye to their mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, and went off to war.

They hugged their children tight and kissed their spouses or sweethearts one last time with a sense of the great longing that was to come.

They left their towns, cities and farms where they had been born and raised. They left schools and jobs, hopes and dreams, careers and callings. And they said they would return.

Everyone hoped and prayed for that day. But they never came home. The remains of many of those servicemen women were laid to rest beneath the green grass of a thousand cities and towns.

The oceans have swallowed the crews of vast armadas. The fate of an untold number is known only to God.

Each Memorial Day we honor the memory of the men and women who went off to war, never to return. This nation owes its very existence to those who answered the call to duty.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "The ground of liberty must be gained by inches." Indeed, by inches and the lives of those who fought for liberty.

This is a war-torn nation. More than 60,000 patriots died in battle during the Revolutionary War. The Civil War claimed another 500,000 Union and Confederate lives. In World War I, 116,000 lost their lives in service to America. World War II saw another 400,000 U.S. citizens perish. Then came Korea, Vietnam and, most recently, Desert Storm.

In all, more than 1 million Americans have died in war since this country was founded. Who can remember those who gave the last full measure of devotion to the cause of justice, freedom and democracy, if not those who live under the protection of these principles?

All Americans must remember for what these men and women fought. We must cherish their memory and honor their ultimate sacrifice.

Those we honor on Memorial Day did not die because they loved war. Rather, they loved the peace and freedom that is our American heritage.

As Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who now rests in peace in Norfolk, said, "The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds of war."

Thus, America's veterans and its fallen servicemen and women bequeath this heritage to their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and future generations: a free and just country unlike any other in the world, past or present.

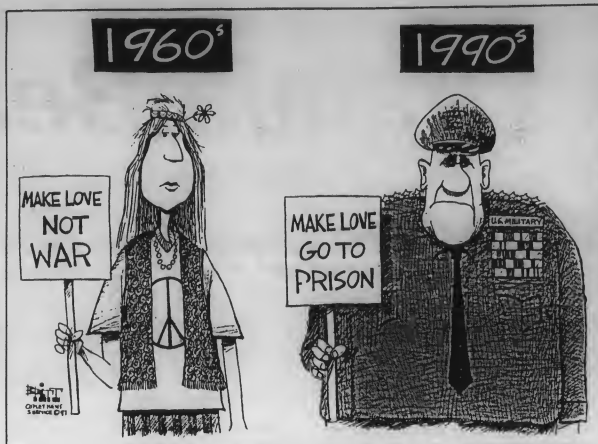
On Memorial Day, honor those fallen men and women who gave selflessly of all they had. They died for their country, for their friends and families, for everyone.

Let us thank God for America.

Let us thank God for those patriots who went off to war. And let us never forget those who did not return.

LEST WE FORGET

Hampton Roads residents will honor fallen loved ones Monday at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial in Virginia Beach from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. A formal ceremony will be held at noon with a military flyover at 1 p.m. Also, Portsmouth will hold its annual Memorial Day parade beginning at 10 a.m. The route begins at First and Crawford, traveling down London Boulevard.



Letter to the editor

'Nosy' public not privy to school budget haggling

Editor.

All the tap dances have danced, the songs have been sung. The Virginia Beach school's budget is fact, a tangible object of \$411 million, \$11 below the \$422 million originally requested. Now the school board's job becomes interesting. They must reconcile \$422 million into \$411 million, a 2.6-percent reduction. An \$11 million difference sounds like a lot, but a 2.6-percent difference is less intimidating.

In the past, the school board's procedure with regard to budget reconciliation was to tell the superintendent to handle it. They rubber stamped any plan he proposed.

"After all" many of them reason, "it is his school system." Last year Superintendent Jenney recommended targeted reconciliation cuts which set up many of the controversies surrounding this most recent budget battle. Two examples come to mind: removing almost \$1 million of Celebration Station costs from the operating budget to the CIP budget; and striking eight, or one-third, of the year's normal purchase of school buses. Just for comparison, Jenney faced a 3.25-percent reconciliation difference last year.

The point is that school administrators, if left on their own, tend to target cuts where they can do the most harm, so that last year's Celebration Station transfer becomes this year's Cooke Elementary School controversy.

Think of your checkbook. If you found a 2.6

percent shortage in it, you wouldn't make it up by cutting your mortgage payment by 30 percent or delaying payment of the electric bill. No, you would — sensibly — spread the shortage as thinly as possible throughout your financial structure. The school board must task the superintendent to do just that: spread the cuts as thinly as possible rather than target a few accounts while leaving the majority unaffected.

Last year, I submitted to the school board an alternative to Jenney's budget reconciliation plan. My suggestions would have retained the school bus purchase and not gutted the CIP. The senior administrators would have had a little less salary and travel allowances, and the burden would have been evenly distributed. The superintendent prevailed and we ended up with what we got.

Now we are at the table again. Only this time Jenney has changed the format of the budget so that the "nosy" public cannot determine in any detail where the money is going. It is really important for the school board to take charge of the school system (after all they are Jenney's boss) and give him clear direction on spreading out rather than targeting the reconciliation cuts.

Mike Arsuaga
Surfside Drive
Virginia Beach

Editor's note: Mike Arsuaga is a citizen activist instrumental in the opposition to a tax increase in the 1997-1998 budget.

Military hypocrisy grounds change

If I had been asked the question, "should the U.S. Army Air Force have women as B-52 bomber pilots?", my answer would have been "no."

But living in the "Real World," as I do, I have no choice but to accept the fact that we do have one woman B-52 pilot — or at least we did until that one was grounded.

She will face a court-martial next week on charges that she has committed "clear and simple military crimes: adultery, fraternization, disobeying an order and conduct unbecoming of an officer and a gentleman."

Give me a break! Second Lt. Kelly Finn is no "gentleman," unless she has recently had a transsexual operation. She is a very attractive 26-year-old female. The Uniform Code of Military Justice is out of date, just like the minds of some of our military leaders.

The new section should read "conduct unbecoming of an officer," and leave the sex of the offender blank, because we don't know what the Army Air Force will be training B-52 pilots next.

They might even have a monkey flying in the future. They have already trained them to fly space capsules, so why not airplanes. It wouldn't surprise me now if they did.

The lack of sensitivity in the use of the word "gentleman" suggests to me that while the male top brass pretends to welcome women as B-52 pilots, in reality they wish that they would go away.

It's hard for a male pilot to be outshone by a female, and that's a fact. Not only does that apply to the Army Air Force, but it applies to all branches of the service. That is one of the many reasons I oppose women serving in certain areas of the armed services.

Now, let's talk about Second Lt. Finn.

She graduated from the Air Force Academy "most distinguished" in her class at B-52 training school. In September an instructor who evaluated her performance wrote "outstanding officer and navigator — her performance stands head and shoulders above her peers."

That might be "what done her in" as Eliza Doolittle said in "My Fair Lady."

Second Lt. Finn did what women have been doing for time immemorial and that is to let her heart take over her good judgment. She fell in love with a married scumbag, who, according to Finn, told her "that she was the love of his life, something special and something that comes along once in a lifetime." He said that he was having problems with his wife and was going to divorce her.

This scoundrel betrayed her by giving the Air Force officers a statement admitting that he had verbally and physically abused her and that he repeatedly lied about his birthplace.

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A holiday of mixed emotions

By Bob Rueggerger

Guest Columnist

As far as I'm concerned, Memorial Day has always been an occasion for mixed emotions — an odd combination, if you will, of pleasure and sadness.

Fortunately, for the Rueggerger brothers, our fathers survived not only Pearl Harbor,

but World War II as well (add the Korean War for good measure). There would be no brothers Rueggerger had he not survived.

For some folks that have known us over the years, the down-side to that proposition may not be so obvious. Not being born can have a significant influence on the rest of one's life.

Why Anton Rueggerger survived World War II without a scratch may be the result of fate, providence, or just dumb luck. Who knows? The fact that he did — when so many didn't — was reason enough for me to feel appreciative.

The outcome could very easily have been quite different. My father became a battleship sailor on Jan. 16, 1936 when he reported for duty aboard the U.S.S. Arizona.

On Sept. 8, 1941, his enlistment was up and he was discharged; on the very next day, he re-enlisted and received orders to report to the U.S.S. Rigel at Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii. He had been transferred to a repair ship.

Less than four months prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, my father had been transferred from a prime target to an innocuous rust bucket. Was it fate, dumb luck, or Providence? I've always wondered.

But I always felt that "someone" was looking out for him. The Arizona had been my father's home for nearly six years. On Dec. 7, 1941, it went up in smoke and flames in a few brief moments. How many of those 1,102 sailors who died in the burning wreckage were my father's friends?

He never said and I never asked. It was just too difficult to broach such an emotionally charged topic.

He took a very personal interest in

the establishment of a memorial at Pearl Harbor for those who died aboard the Arizona. To my father, the wreckage of the Arizona was a tomb — a sacred place.

As a boy, I remember the spirited cribbage "tournaments" that were held at our kitchen table between my father and his old Navy buddies — among them C.F. Lambert and J.D. Mergel.

Some of these old salts were also Pearl Harbor survivors — a very select fraternity. Shouts of "fifteen-two" and "a pair" echoed through the house as they sipped home brew and thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. Those impromptu "tournaments" were a joy to hear and to behold.

"Read 'em and weep" was a frequent admonition, and there was an occasional epithet as well — "B*&@#!". Remember, my father and his buddies were battleship sailors. There was a real saltiness in the air.

Although the cribbage games were played around the kitchen table, I could visualize them taking place on the mess decks of warships with the oaths and expletives from the competitors bouncing off the steel bulkheads and decks.

I'm grateful that my father and his friends survived World War II, but I'm also saddened because so many of their shipmates were not so lucky. My father-in-law, L.G. Rowland

Jr., (His brothers and sisters called him "Junior" but everyone else called him George) also survived World War II.

He was critically wounded as his ship, the light cruiser Birmingham, pulled alongside the Princeton to help fight a fire aboard the stricken carrier.

Ordnance exploded aboard the Princeton killing a large number of men aboard the Birmingham. He survived the explosion, was awarded the bronze star for heroism, and carried around shrapnel for the rest of his life.

I'm also thankful for his survival. He had two sons and two daughters, and it was my good fortune to have married one of his daughters. Had George Rowland not survived, I would have been forced to look elsewhere for a bride — with no guarantee of equal success.

On Memorial Day, I always feel a pervasive sadness. Thinking of the many soldiers and sailors gives me a poignant appreciation for the benefits their sacrifice has conferred upon me.

Realizing that many children grew up without fathers, makes me grateful for the advantage that I have had. Memorial Day is a day for remembering our good fortune, our losses, and our heroes.

For me, mixed feelings have always been the order of the day — pleasure and pain. Bittersweet.



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Safety council operates with children in mind

The Virginia Beach Safety Council, a member of the National Safety Council, is a non-profit civic organization whose primary function is to promote safety and well-being throughout Virginia Beach.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

traffic and OSHA. The council is also able to provide generous grants to various community organizations for safety related programming.

Some of the areas helped by the council are: Kidz Show Trailer fire safety house; Virginia Beach Fire Department's monster fire truck; Princess Anne High School's Student Crime Line; Tidewater Regional Technical Rescue Team; and, Safe Kids Coalition of South Hampton Roads Bicycle Helmet donation.

One of the projects that The Council takes great pride in and does a lot with is project KidCare — and today I'm going to tell you a little bit about it.

If a parent were to be asked what their greatest fear for their children would be, nine out of 10 would agree that an abducted or missing child worries them the most.

While most parents would like to believe that such a thing could never happen to them, the truth is that abductions and cases of missing children now occur at a growing rate.

In an effort to help safeguard the children in our community, the Virginia Beach Safety Council and Virginia Beach Professional Firefighters Local 2924 hosted a child identification program known as Project KidCare during the Virginia Beach Fire Department Christmas Train Show at the Woodstock Fire Station in December. This was their first KidCare Photo ID event.

Volunteers made identifications for approximately 950 children and distributed various safety items, publications and information. The event exceeded all expectations and responses received from parents taking advantage of the free service were very positive and supportive.

The Safety Council plans to hold several KidCare Photo ID events throughout the year, and may be available to plan an event with other groups or organizations.

Project KidCare is a program developed by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Polaroid Corporation to educate families about child safety and encourage parents to obtain personal safety documents with current photographs of their child. KidCare Photo ID's are similar in size and appearance to a passport.

They contain emergency information helpful in locating and identifying a missing child, the main component being a current head and shoulders picture taken at a KidCare Photo ID event.

According to experts, a proper photograph is the most important tool in helping to find a missing child. The KidCare Photo ID also includes descriptive information and vital statistics about the child, safety rules which should be reviewed with children regularly and directions on how to use the document.

If a parent were to be asked what their greatest fear for their children would be, nine out of 10 would agree that an abducted or missing child worries them the most.

The ID is kept in a safe place by the parent or guardian in case it should ever be needed. Only parents or guardians keep the original photo ID and there are no copies so as to ensure confidentiality.

For more information on this very important and exciting project or the Virginia Beach Safety Council itself, call Brian Taylor, 426-7648.

If you wish to become a member of the Virginia Beach Safety Council, they meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Present members represent various city departments including the Safety Office, Police, Fire, Rescue and Public Works. There are also members representing the Department of Motor Vehicles, the local AAA Chapter, the military, American Red Cross, and others simply interested in the safety of their city. There are no membership dues.

The Safety Council takes a stand on the issues that face you, your friends and your family. Be a part of those issues — take a stand with the Virginia Beach Safety Council.

Brian Taylor, president of the Virginia Beach Safety Council and master firefighter, contributed to this column.

Military hypocrisy

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his marital status, even his age.

He further drew a floor plan of her house to illustrate where they had intercourse and lurid details about her sex life. What a dog.

Capt. Chet Curtis, head of Public Affairs at Minot Air Force Base said, "This is a serious officer misconduct case. We hold our officers to higher standards."

If every B-52 pilot or any other pilots were court-martialed for what Lt. Flinn is being court-martialed, we wouldn't have many pilots in the air.

The hypocrisy of all this is that Gen. Dwight Eisenhower committed adultery with WAC Second Lt. Kay Summersby during World War II. General MacArthur had his concubine. Several presidents who were commander-in-chief of all the armed forces have committed their share of adultery. Kennedy, Roosevelt, Johnson and others that go back in

history and not one of them was ever court-martialed.

Second Lt. Kelly Flinn has too much going against her. First, she is a brilliant flyer, a woman and a lowly second lieutenant. I can almost guarantee that if the case had been reversed and this had been a male flyer or an officer with a high rank it would never have gone this far.

It cost the taxpayer \$1 million plus to train Lt. Kelly Flinn.

Surely there is some kind of rehabilitation program she can take that could keep her in the Air Force. It just doesn't seem right to dump her on the street. She has already been disgraced enough. She says she still loves the Air Force and still wants to fly, even if it is in the Air Reserves.

I doubt that they will give her a break but she can write some books and make television appearances, which will bring in more money than her salary as a B-52 pilot. Good luck, Second Lt. Flinn, and welcome to the Real World.

Pen, ink artist open show

California pen and ink artist Jim Campbell will be on the porch of The Old Coast Guard Station on Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, June 1 from noon-4 p.m.

A selection of signed prints and original drawings will be available for purchase.

Campbell's pen and ink drawings of ships, lighthouses and other marine subjects are noted for their attention to detail. His works are marketed in galleries and shops up and down the coast of California and the gift shop at The Old Coast Guard Station.

The Old Coast Guard Station is

at 24th Street and Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach. The museum is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$2 for military and senior citizens and \$1 for young people 6 to 18. Museum members receive free admission.

The Old Coast Guard Station is housed in the former Virginia Beach Coast Guard Station. The building is a Virginia Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places. Its exhibits tell the history of the Life-Saving/Coast Guard Service and stories of heroic shipwreck rescues.

Up close and personal

David Waltrip: Retro rock rumbles

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

The questions is: "Is the Virginia Beach music scene ready to rumble?"

Rumble Fish, that is.

Making its smashing debut last year, the retro rock Rumble Fish has plenty of reason to anticipate an outstanding future. With a just-released self-titled CD and sponsorship by Budweiser, it's one of only 40 bands nationwide to lead the 1997 Bud Family In-Concert Program.

The band is led by frontman and guitarist David Waltrip, formerly of Hampton Roads' popular States. Wild Kingdom and Waterworks. He's joined by lead guitarist/vocalist Brian Grilli; Billy Sherin, formerly on Waxing Poetics on drums and percussion; and, bass player/vocalist William Frye, formerly of Neo Duo.

Rumble Fish's beginnings are in the songwriting team of Waltrip and Grilli, who met while Waltrip while still performing with Waterworks.

"Brian would come out to see us all the time. One night he said to me, 'I play music, too.' I was like, 'Yeah, yeah, wonderful. Everyone does. I've heard that forever.' One time he said he had a demo tape and asked me to listen, so I said sure. He played me the tape and I just said, 'Holy moly, this stuff is really good!'"

With the break up of Waterworks Grilli and Waltrip teamed together, planning to "just write songs and take it slowly." Then the call came from Budweiser seeking a band to sponsor. The company already knew Waltrip from his Waterworks days. Rumble Fish quickly came together with the addition of Shearin and two successive bass players. Frye eventually filled the spot.

"We were going to slap some originals together just so we could play and keep this Bud deal," Waltrip laughed. "Our goal all along was to write songs, do a demo, do a CD, get a record deal and become rich and famous. When William joined us, it all came together — it clicked."

Thanks to the combined experience of veteran musicians, Rumble Fish is about precision, style and emotion — qualities that poise them for success. Influenced by the Beatles, Cheap Trick and Jellyfish, the music is simple and direct. It has the ability to go from full electric concert sounds to an unplugged acoustic show. Waltrip describes the sound as "melodic with a lot of punch."

But he wouldn't label it alternative, the trendy description for today's music.

"What is alternative?" Waltrip wondered. "I'm going to raise a big flag here and call us retro pop. There's nothing to be afraid of by saying that we're a damn good pop band."

Manager Andi Helfant describes Rumble Fish as "accessible," a sound that appeals to her two 14-year-old nieces and others decades older.

Waltrip says the band is poised for success.

"When we first started this band I drilled it into everybody that we would not be denied the brass ring," he said confidently. "We want it all — to hook up with a major label, tour, go to England."

Yep, looks like they're ready to rumble. — Rumble Fish's debut CD is available at all shows, Planet Music, Blockbuster and Birdland. Upcoming shows are tonight at Kokomo's at Marina Shores in Virginia Beach, Wednesday at Beach Grill and Thursday at Jewish Mother.

Name: David Waltrip.

What brought you to this area: A beat-up Chevy van.

Age: Born Feb. 28, 1977? If you want



to know my age, let's just say young enough to play rock and roll and old enough to hook better.

Nickname: "Sheepdog." When I was a kid I had long bangs that covered my eyes. I haven't heard that name in a long time, though (but I have a feeling I will now).

Occupation: Musician/songwriter/performer.

Marital Status: Single.

Favorite movies: "Godfather I," "Godfather" and any James Bond flicks with Sean Connery.

Magazines I read regularly: Rolling Stone, Spin and I actually like sneaking a peek at Cosmopolitan when I can. I think it's important to read all I can about the female species because I still haven't figured them out. Guess that's why I'm still single.

Favorite author: Ken Follet.

Favorite night on the town: A romantic dinner with that special someone — a walk together on the beach with a bottle of wine.

Favorite restaurant: Any drive-thru. I'm impatient and it's expensive. (Being a musician isn't one of the highest-paying jobs — yet!)

Favorite meal and beverage: Chicken Francese, red wine and, of course, anything from Budweiser.

What most people don't know about me: I pursued acting/drama as a career and was actually quite good, but music won.

Best thing about myself: I'm diplomatic and treat people the way I would like to be treated.

Worst habit: Smoking.

Pets: Fish.

Ideal vacation: Somewhere tropical.

Hobbies: Skiing and, of course, music.

Pet peeves: I hate the way people get when they're on the road driving. Some drivers can be so inconsiderate.

First job: Construction (bricklayer and carpenter).

Worst job: Retail salesperson in a clothing store. Yuck, I couldn't stand it. My hat's off to those who can do it.

Favorite sports team: Minnesota Vikings.

Favorite musicians: Next to Brian, William and Billy, it's John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr.

Most embarrassing moment: Well, I don't know if I should say this, but when I was in high school my parents walked in on me...I mean us — my girlfriend and me. Well, you can use your imagination.

If I received \$1 million: The question is not "if," but "when" I receive my first million...and the answer is "I don't know."

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I'd want to make people laugh. The bet way I can think of would be to appear as an animated character of myself on "The Simpsons."



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Burt Wolf gives national viewers taste of Va. Beach

Burt Wolf's "A Taste For Travel in Virginia Beach" will make its television debut on The Travel Channel's audience of 17 million U.S. households beginning Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

The half-hour television program is the first of four produced on location in Virginia Beach last summer by internationally-syndicated travel journalist Wolf.

A second Virginia Beach show is currently being edited for The Travel Channel, with release scheduled for July. Public Television Service (PBS) will begin airing its two half-hour long Virginia Beach shows, "Burt Wolf's Origins," this fall to 275 affiliate stations in North America and Asia.

The Travel Channel and PBS will each air its Virginia Beach programs twice monthly over the next two years. In addition to the United States, The Travel Channel broadcasts in Great Britain, Scandinavia, the Benelux countries and Singapore.

Videotaped on location in Virginia Beach last summer, the programs are written and hosted by Wolf, an Emmy Award nominee.

The advertising equivalency value of his total syndicated distribution provides at least \$5 million in exposure for Virginia Beach.

"Burt Wolf's programs will provide tremendous exposure for Virginia Beach over the next two years," said James B. Ricketts, director of the Virginia Beach Department of Convention and Visitor Development, which sponsored the programs. "Our attractions, historical sites, natural resources and cuisine are presented to Burt Wolf's huge audience — it's the kind of awareness we are constantly

seeking," Ricketts notes.

Each of the two Travel Channel programs spotlights different Virginia Beach restaurants and attractions, while also focusing on the city's history, natural resources and military presence.

Show 1594, which debuts May 29, opens with Wolf strolling the dunes at First Landing/Seashore State Park, where the founders of Jamestown first came ashore in 1607.

The history of Virginia Beach, as recounted by Wolf, is replete with the quips and humorous observations which frequently pepper his commentary.

Videotaped on location in Virginia Beach last summer, the programs are written and hosted by Wolf.

Noting that Princess Anne County, which later became the city of Virginia Beach, was named for England's Queen Anne, Wolf says, "She was a good queen, and she made a nice chair."

Two popular resort area restaurants, Pasta E. Pani and Timbuktu, are reviewed, with chefs Angelo Serpe and Willie Moats demonstrating favorite recipes.

Wolf visits with Bill Johnson, director of the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum, and examines decades dating back to Virginia Beach's heyday as a mecca for wildfowl hunters.

On a visit to the Francis Land House, he finds out how cloth was dyed and linen was made during the city's colonial period.

Finally, Wolf, who notes he once served in the Army but never actually saw combat, explores Virginia Beach's master jet base, NAS Oceana, which reminds him, he says, that "My right to practice whatever religion I choose, to educate myself the way I wanted to be educated, and to work everyday in what is truly a free press, comes directly from the men and women of the military who defend my Constitutional rights. Constitutional rights, by the way, that were to a great extent written originally by the people from Virginia."

Scenes from the Virginia Marine Science Museum close the program as credits roll.

The second Travel Channel program, currently in edit and scheduled to begin airing mid-summer, will feature a visit to the Virginia Marine Science Museum. The history of the U.S. Coast Guard includes a visit to the Old Coast Guard Station at 24th Street and Atlantic Avenue.

Virginia Beach's agricultural heritage is celebrated with a trip to a farm stand, and meals featuring fresh seafood and local produce are presented by three bayside restaurants: The Lucky Star, Chick's Oyster Bar and the Lynnhaven Fish House.

The material presented in the Virginia Beach programs will also be collected in Burt Wolf's annual cookbook, published by Doubleday and Co.

The city's public relations agency, Barker Campbell Farley and Mansfield, arranged the Burt Wolf booking on behalf of the Department of Convention and Visitor Development.

Elvis lives at annual fest

Elvis fans will need look no further than Virginia Beach to find the best Elvis tribute performers during its third annual Viva Elvis III, "Elvis is Everywhere," this Tuesday through Sunday, June 1.

Taking place on stages along Virginia Beach's beautiful two-mile boardwalk, the festival features a huge variety of Elvis tribute entertainment and is free and open to the public.

Following last year's \$2 million offer to the real Elvis if he shows up, Virginia Beach has upped the ante to \$3 million, should the King pay the beach a visit.

This six-day event features an incredible assortment of national and regional Elvis tribute acts, as well as \$3,000 cash in the Karaoke Competition, Tuesday through Thursday at the 24th Street Park.

Also scheduled are the Skydiving Kings, an Elvis Parade down the boardwalk, and the slightly silly Juggling Elvis, Fire Eating Elvis and Ten-foot Tall Elvis.

Headlining tribute performances run Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1.

True fans won't want to miss a rare performance by Jerry Presley, Elvis' second cousin, singing with Elvis' original backing vocalists, The Jordanaires, on Saturday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 1 at 3:30 p.m. at 24th Street Park. The Jordanaires' background harmony style became an integral part of hit recordings by Elvis Presley, Patsy Cline and countless other great stars.

The most unusual tribute group to take part in the festivities are The Graceliners, an all-female tribute from Ontario, Canada who will put a distinctly feminine interpretation on Elvis' classic songs.



BURNING LOVE. Elvis fans will flock to the oceanfront next week for the third annual Elvis tribute festival. Among the performers will be impersonators Dennis Wise, above, and "Young Elvis."



Many other famous tribute acts also will perform, including Young Elvis, who sang to rave reviews in Viva Elvis II; Black Elvis, who appeared in "Honeymoon in Vegas"; and Dennis Wise, a top Las Vegas performer.

If your appetite for all things Elvis is still not filled, check out the Elvis Parade from 16th to 24th Street on the boardwalk on Saturday, May 31 at 11 a.m. At 2 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, the Skydiving Kings will descend from the heavens to land at the 24th Street beach.

Council questions Alliance

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amount of the contribution. As the largest city, the city will have the largest contribution. The private sector has also pledged roughly half of the \$2 million annual budget.

Sessoms said that while he was "extremely disappointed" with the way the Chubb case was handled, he is a strong supporter of the program. "We're going to have to be more aggressive."

Councilman Linwood Branch asked, "Do we need permission from somebody in the Alliance to talk to anyone?"

Councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn, supporting participation, said, "We don't make good changes from the outside."

Harrison pointed out that while the private sector is working to

get more businesses into the area, it "has no axe to grind. We have the obligation to compete; we want the Virginia Beach to prosper. To be denied access to a potential client is not fair."

Sore said that sometimes it's the client who decides whom he wants to talk to.

Harrison said that "if we're told no by the client, that's one thing; if we're told no by some (bureaucrat) that's something else."

Strayhorn said there ought to be a reason. "It's obviously wrong what they did."

In Chesapeake, Economic Development Director Donald Goldberg's attitude was "you win some and you lose some." He said that Chesapeake would have liked to gotten Avis, but Virginia Beach got it. He said that he did not feel that Chesapeake was

competing with Virginia Beach, but with Orlando.

He said that his department works with consultants all the time and the consultants work with the Alliance. He said that he does not feel that the Alliance would prohibit him from talking to anyone, but added that in the long run, it's the client who makes the decision.

He said that in the Chubb case, Chesapeake had two businesses from the private sector interceding for the city, and in Virginia Beach it was the same.

Goldberg attributed much of the success of the enterprise and others to his staff.

Recording artists visit CBN

Acclaimed recording artists, Steve Fry and Lindell Cooley, minister of Music at Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola, Fla., will lead participants in a four-day conference designed to enhance the church worship experience through music.

Topics to be covered in this CBN Ministry Events conference, "A Call to Worship," include: "Worship: Finding a Quiet Plan in a Crazy World," and "Putting Passion in Our Worship."

The conference will be held June 15 - 18 at The Founders Inn

and Conference Center. The conference include 15 hours of teaching, praise and worship, two continental breakfasts, one luncheon and a banquet.

Fry is the founder and president of Messenger Fellowship Inc. and is a well recognized conference speaker and songwriter. Cooley of Brownsville Assembly of God, has worked with great recording artists including Dolly Parton, Ricky Skaggs, Larry Gatlin and Garth Brooks.

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Beach canine could be nation's top dog

Every dog has its day, and for a Jack Russell Terrier named K.C., his day may be July 3 when he may be crowned as the Purina Dog Chow Great American Dog.

K.C. and his owner, Douglas Williams of Virginia Beach, have been selected as semifinalists in the Purina Dog Chow Search for the Great American Dog. They are among 50 dog and owners vying for a VIP trip to Washington, D.C., where a \$10,000 grand prize and the Great American Dog title will be awarded at a star-spangled celebration hosted by four-time gold medalist and champion swimmer, Amy Van Dyken.

This is the second year that Purina Dog Chow conducted

the Search for the Great American Dog, and Van Dyken says the judges were looking for a special kind of champion.

Williams captured the judge's attention with an essay and a photograph that demonstrated the consistent loyalty and love that makes dogs and people best friends every day.

"Douglas' entry captured the essence of what makes K.C. an everyday champion," said Van Dyken.

"Our dogs provide us with unconditional love and consistent companionship that enriches our lives each and every day. In return, we need to show our dogs that we love them every day by providing them with a consistent diet,



CANINE COMPANION. Douglas Williams' Jack Russell Terrier, K.C., is a finalist in Purina's search for the country's top dog. They reside in Virginia Beach.

sharing activities together and providing regular veterinary care."

In describing the best friends relationship he shares with his dog, Williams wrote, "Good

dogs are like perennials in the garden of life. Always there for you through good times and bad . . . year after year after year."

Revived race sails to success

Chick's Beach team shatters Worrell 1000's standing record

By M.J. Knoblock
Correspondent

Imagine yourself in the open ocean for 1,000 miles with little more than a 20-foot catamaran, a partner, sailing savvy and a lot of heart.

There is such a race, it's called the Worrell 1000. Thirteen teams took the challenge May 5 when they entered the chilly Atlantic at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Only six made it to Virginia Beach's shores last weekend in the fastest race in its history.

A crowd gathered on the shore at 25th Street to welcome them in.

Team Chick's Beach, featuring Randy Smyth and Jason Sneed, shattered the 12-year-old record by more than 24 hours.

They posted an overall time of 75 hours, 17 minutes, 24 seconds. Rick Bliss and Chris Hansen of Team Rudee's Restaurant sailed into second place at 80 hours, 31 minutes, 33 seconds.

Why on earth do they do it? Try posing that question to Smyth, a Fort Walton Beach, Fla. native.

"We've been asking ourselves that," Smyth laughed as he leaned against the boat and sipped on a bottle of victory champagne.

"It's just the ultimate challenge," he said. "When you're racing catamarans, it's the ultimate challenge. It compiles everything — navigational skills, surf landings and dodging turtles



SAILING AWAY. The Worrell 1000 boat race began May 5 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and ended Saturday at 25th Street in Virginia Beach. Team Chick's Beach took first place, with Team Rudee's Restaurant placing second.

and fish and all that."

The race, started in 1976 by Virginia Beach resident A. Michael Worrell, was the first of the ultra-long distances races. Consisting of 12 legs of both day and night sailing and rugged beach landings, it attracted some of the world's most skilled catamaran sailors in the world.

In 1987, Worrell sold his interest in the race. It ran for two more years and ceased.

Worrell revived the race this year.

"The Worrell 1000 was for me a labor of love," Worrell stated recently. "I raced it, ran it, marketed it, and above all, sincerely believed in it."

"To me, it was about finding your limits, pushing yourself to be the best among the best, and played out in an arena that does

not accept or forgive anything less than 100 percent."

The race was followed by the competitors' ground crews and eight race officials, including Rick White.

After the launch each day, White climbed into his trusty motor home and headed for the next landing site up the coast.

He said the strong wind played an important part in putting Smyth's 1985 record of 99 hours, 45 minutes, 31 seconds by the wayside.

"Randy Smyth was like 23 or 24 hours ahead of the old record," said White. "That indicates three things. One is a better sailor, two, a faster boat, and three, a lot more wind than normal."

The lapse brought out some skepticism in the sailing community, but didn't hinder the enthusiasm of the racers or the team sponsors and officials.

Only rough seas and a few minor incidents made the race more of a challenge.

Three teams dropped out of the competition the first day, narrowing the field to 10.

Smyth said he thought the worst day was the first day, sailing 80.7 miles to Jensen Beach, Fla.

A.R.E. Center welcomes hit musical 'Godspell'

The hit musical "Godspell" will open May 30 at 8 p.m. at the A.R.E. Conference Center, 67th Street and Atlantic Avenue, and will run for eight performances.

"Godspell" is based upon the gospel according to St. Matthew, and recounts through song and verse many of the parables taught by Jesus as well as His crucifixion. It was conceived and originally directed by John-Michael Tebelak with music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and originally produced on the New York Stage by Edgar Lansbury, Stuart Duncan and Joseph Beruh.

"Godspell" became a hit on Broadway in 1971 and ran for nearly 10 years. It was later made into a movie.

Director Mary Roach, co-founder and former artistic director of Artistictheatre of Orleans, Mass., is directing the cast of 13 local performers.

Working with her are musical directors Ruth Ann Millikin, professional vocalist and voice

"You start with a lot of anxiety, a new boat and you're waiting for something to go wrong," Smyth grinned.

Fierce winds and 10-foot waves tossed the tiny catamaran about. "It was hard on the crew and the skipper," said Smyth. "The crew, 'cause I was waiting for him to get seasick, and the hard on the skipper 'cause I was just waiting for something to go wrong."

The longest stretch, 121 miles from Jacksonville Beach, Fla. to Tybee Island, Ga. was perhaps the toughest on the teams, said White.

Arriving in the dark of night on May 9, the competitors sailed for about 12 hours before landing.

Constant wind continued to take its toll on the sailors. The leg from Atlantic Beach, N.C. to Cape Hatteras was rough on both the sailors and ground crews.

Virginia Beach resident Hans Meijer and his crewman, racing for team Pomodoro, were picked up by the Coast Guard May 15 after shattering a mast off Ocaroke Island.

As the road caravan of race officials and eight remaining ground crews ran into problems of their own trying to reach Hatteras.

White and the others were stranded for several hours as a first and second ferry broke down.

A third ferry finally came along, but the service decided to await departure until the next closest scheduled time, oblivious to the anxious Worrell 1000 group.

As a result, the boats hit the checkpoint first. The skippers and crews sat cold and wet on the sand, waiting for manpower to help them bring in their crafts for the night.

Smyth shrugged off a setback on May 16 after a fisherman's sinker tore a hole in the team Chick's Beach spinnaker.

Although it slowed him down tremendously, Smyth simply fixed it that night, determined to win the race the following day.

They did just that, cruising up the coast another 62.9 miles in a record-breaking three hours, 33 minutes, 24 seconds.

"It was unbelievable," Smyth said.

teacher known locally for her singing group "Joyful Noise," and Bruce Shelton, who brings to the project years of experience in piano accompaniment and music direction.

Starting in the role of Jesus, veteran actor Chris Van Cleave brings to his performance extensive experience in professional musical theatre, including "Les Miserables" as a principal performer, in London.

Tim Ross, playing the part of Judas, is well known to local theater-goers.

His most recent appearances with the Commonwealth Musical Stage include "Fiddler on the Roof" as Mordecai.

Evening performances are at 8 p.m. May 30 - 31 and June 6, 7, 20 and 21; Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. on June 1 and 8. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for matinees.

For tickets, call the A.R.E. registrar, 428-3588, ext. 7323, or stop by the reception desk in the A.R.E. lobby.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Second best . . . just as good for wildlife

Many gardeners followed the lengthy battle over the selection of the national flower.

In the end, the rose beat the marigold, but only, perhaps, by a nose. For wildlife and ecologically-minded gardeners, the marigold is every bit as desirable as the rose and surpasses it in a number of ways.

Yard patrol is one of my gardening joys.

Armed with binoculars for spying on the avian and lepidopteran denizens of my quarter acre (and the common ground back forty), I spend hours of enjoyable meandering, checking out the shadobush crop, looking for the monarch egg milkweeds, verifying that first ever mourning warbler back in the scrubby tangle that marks the property line.

Marigolds aren't finicky plants and roses are. Too many roses mean less meandering time. Therefore, I plant hundreds of marigolds.

They thrive in full sun, average to poor soil, and provide continuous bloom if you keep seeds from forming.

For the wildlife gardener, marigolds provide nectar for butterflies, seeds for juncos and sparrows, and if you choose your varieties carefully, offer a degree of nematode and insect control.

Here is a brief evaluation of marigold species and some of my favorite varieties.

■ **French marigold** (*Tagetes patula*): Despite the name, an American native, as are all other marigolds. Well over 200 varieties are available but for butterflies, choose single ones, such as Naughty Marietta or those just barely double.

The size of the plant or flower is not important. Hybrids of this and the African marigold such as Burpee's Mules or Park's Hi-Gs offer almost nothing to wildlife but do sport incredibly large, long-lasting flowers. Thompson and Morgan offers the best line of single French marigolds.

■ **African marigold** (*T. erecta*): Tallest of the clan but one with little wildlife value. Breeders took the wild single flowered form and bred out most of its nectar and seed producing capability.

■ **Signet marigold** (*T. tenuifolia*): Although relatively unknown to many gardeners, this is a plant to try. The flowers are single and small but numerous.

They attract some butterflies and many other beneficial insects. The seed is small and slender and of limited bird feeding value. Thompson and Morgan carry four varieties.

■ **Sweet-scented marigold** (*T. lucida*): Not great in bloom and not a plant whose seeds a cardinal can feast on, but you can eat it!

This is a perennial species and an herb grown by Native Americans in the southwestern U.S. With a small somewhere between anise and tarragon, it's worth a try.

■ **Irish laced marigold** (*T. filifolia*): My source is a naturalized Nebraska population of this Central American flower, but you can find it as a border for its lacy foliage which is sweetly pungent.

The flowers will go nearly unnoticed but I'll bet it's a great insect repeller. Try it!

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Edith Williamson, a physical education assistant at Linkhorn Park Elementary School, was recognized for quick thinking in the school cafeteria. On duty with the fourth grade class of Julie Halberg, Williamson noticed that student Jeremy Myers appeared to be choking as the youth gave the universal signal for choking (crossed hands around his neck). Williamson had recently completed a first aid course where she learned the Heimlich Maneuver. Performing the maneuver on Myers three times, he coughed up a nacho chip. The boy's parents were so grateful that they wrote a letter commending Williamson and sent a bouquet of roses made from Chocolate Kisses.



MUSICAL INTERLUDE. Dave McNew, Susan Lawler and Marsha Wallace provide period music for visitors on the lawn of the Francis Land House.

Legends of past

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exclaimed, pretending to spit on the ground. From time to time Cherry — as Blackbeard — would break the spell by firing a pistol into the air, which made a very sobering impression on those in the immediate vicinity.

Mrs. Burwell, a 17th-century friend of the Thoroughgoods portrayed by Starr Matton, was the only one who was not impressed with Blackbeard's antics. She expressed concern that the guests were "not keeping a close watch over their purses."

She added rather confidentially, "A pirate will steal a purse, you know."

And she also expressed concern for her safety saying, "I am over here being most frightened. He is firing his gun off."

When it was pointed out that Blackbeard hadn't hit anything yet, Mrs. Burwell protested, "Well, I do not wish to be his first target."

Molly Kratt, as Grace Sherwood the Witch of Pungo, was also on hand to portray Virginia's only convicted witch.

"I think that she [Grace Sherwood] was a lady ahead of her time," she noted.

Kratt observed that Grace Sherwood was well-educated, given to wearing men's clothing at times, and tended to be outspoken.

"There were various types of behavior that she exhibited that people thought were just a little mysterious and strange," she added.

Kratt also conceded that "it was possible" that Sherwood's flirtatious nature might have had something to do with the charges of witchcraft being brought against her. But, Kratt contended, Grace Sherwood's biggest trouble stemmed from her education.

Put simply, Kratt said, "She knew too much."

Woodcarver Bob Harvey was busily working on his half-scale replica of the figurehead of the Norwegian bark Dictator which ran aground off Virginia Beach in 1891. Captain Jorgensen's wife and son were drowned as a result of the shipwreck. The tragedy had such an impact on the local population that the figurehead was salvaged and mounted as a memorial at the oceanfront.

The tragic story of the Dictator and his work at the Mariner's Museum prompted Harvey to begin this figurehead project.

"People that are not from this area are really caught up in this story when they hear it... about the Jorgensen family and the tragedy that was associated with



CAPTIVATED. William "Berry" Jenkins, portrayed by William R. Balderson, mesmerizes a group of attentive children with his account of the Battle Off the Capes.

the wreck," Harvey explained. Art Johnson from Colonial Williamsburg's Department of African-American Interpretation and Presentations was present to share stories that "reflect early African-American" plantation life. Among Johnson's selection of tales was "Dividing Souls" or "Voices in the Graveyard." His sparkling stories attracted a gathering.

"People that are not from this area are really caught up in this story when they hear it."

Bob Harvey, woodcarver and re-enactor

William Balderson of Living History Associates was also on hand as William "Berry" Jenkins with his "eyewitness" chronicle of the Battle Off the Capes — Cape Charles and Cape Henry. He prepared this dramatic commentary especially for the Legends of the Beach program.

Balderson seemed to have both young folks and adults mesmerized with his explicit account of the historic sea battle between French and British fleets in September of 1781.

For three days, ships of the two fleets maneuvered for advantage

and hurled cannon balls at each other. Eventually, the British fleet withdrew and returned to New York for repairs. The French admiral, de Grasse, had driven off the blundering Admiral Graves which virtually guaranteed a Franco-American victory at Yorktown.

A band of musicians was on hand to provide soothing period music for the Land House guests. Among the musicians were Bob Clark on the hammered dulcimer, Susan Lawler on the flute and tin whistle, Marsha Wallace on guitar, and Dave McNew on the Appalachian dulcimer and bowman.

In addition to all of the interpretive activities on the grounds, the historic Francis Land House was also open for tours. Interpreters portrayed Francis Land and the members of his family.

Amid the groups of adults and children roaming the grounds of the Land House, Vicki Harvey commented, "Just look at the faces of these children. You can see what a success this program is."

She put everything in perspective when she remarked that "The future of these historic places rests with the children. If they don't love it, these places are not going to be around."

Early education, according to Harvey, is the key to creating an appreciation of history and historic places.

"If they appreciate it, they'll preserve it," she added.



Courtesy Photos

Birdneck beautification

The Birdneck Elementary Beautification Project was a big draw for Earth-friendly students and faculty. With a theme of "Children Improving Our School Environment," each student was provided a plant to put in flower beds around the school. To celebrate the event, youngsters also participated in a parade led by the Ocean Lakes High School band.



Melting pot prompts forum

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Bacon said that a variety of influences shape a person's vision of the world.

Those influences start at a very young age, often before children can understand them. They just follow what they see.

"I believe what matters is what happens behind the doors of the classroom," said Bacon. "I believe what matters is what happens when the child comes home."

For Bacon, her ethnic background — a black girl growing up in California — brought many challenges her way which, in turn, shaped her perspective of society.

"We are all products of our journeys," she noted.

In her case, Bacon said, this included "dealing with a world that will not validate who you are," cultural oppression and coming from the "culture of poverty," as well as experiencing gender bias.

But Bacon also said that while these things shaped her as a person, she does not call these hardships cultural diversity.

"For me, the cultural diversity is the group of people that's different from the one that the system rewards."

Bacon clarified this statement by saying that it doesn't just come down to race.

"You always had a kid that didn't fit," she said. "You always had a kid that faced hurt in our schools and our community."

She turns to her experience as a parent of four children and experience as both a teacher and administrator in the schools as a proving ground for her concerns.

"The children of today have a greater affluence today than children when we were growing

up," Bacon told her audience.

She cited them constantly seeking "compensation without commitment," a "tremendous emphasis on short cuts to solutions" and always trying to get something without having to do what they must to achieve it.

"As parents, it's our fault," said Bacon. "They're products of a generation of adults that struggle so they don't have to struggle, and they don't."

Bacon blames the parents for not being better role models. Often, the parent blames the teacher for what occurs in the classroom, although children are just mimicking what they have learned at home.

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Dr. Mary Montie Bacon, training consultant

"The problem with the engine of education is we have a system of winner and losers and a lot of us want that to happen, unless our child is the loser," Bacon explained.

She said that since it is unlikely that the world will change from being a society that rewards the brightest and the best, more focus needs to be

spent on those that are average.

"Excellence without equity is a hollow prize indeed," Bacon noted.

She added that teaching children more than just facts and figures is also important, but "color blind and culturally-neutral education is a myth."

"The most important thing you can learn in school is not whether they can remember the War of the Roses or when Columbus discovered America, but the ability to interact with people that are different from them."

After Bacon's presentation was concluded, a panel of four listened to a few local parents concerned about cultural diversity in the Virginia Beach Schools.

Robin Patrick, the mother of a middle school boy, voiced concerns about why certain children are discouraged from taking foreign languages when the school system says it does not use tracking on its students.

"I send my child off to school every day excited to go, and can you imagine my child coming home and saying the teacher told us some of you do not belong in this classroom?" Patrick asked the audience and panel.

Another parent, Carla Martin, also spoke up.

She touched on the subject of school curriculum, what is being taught as far as cultural history, but also who is teaching it.

"I'm concerned with the lack of diversity in the Virginia Beach Public Schools, because you not only deny the children being taught, you deny the children not being taught," said Martin.

She noted that she is pleased with the Kempville area schools as a whole, but would like to see more black and Filipino teachers to match the ethnic backgrounds of the children they are teaching.

Planners plot Bayside trail

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said. The idea evolved through his other civic activities and his own interest in outdoor activities.

"I've been involved in the development and preservation of trails (in the city)," he said, "and I served on a committee to help develop the city's outdoor plan." The primary goal of this and other groups he worked with was to get the citizens involved with the city in planning recreation and open space.

At the same time, Hawthorne frequently biked around his own community "and I found that I could bike to many of these places (historical sites) in just an afternoon. There are also a lot of nice neighborhood parks, that might make attractive stopping points for walkers or bikers taking a self-guided tour of Bayside.

Information is the key to any

tour, and Hawthorne's been working with staff members at Bayside Library to figure out how to make information about sites along this trails easily available to the public.

"This is a continuation of my interest in helping develop passive recreation," Hawthorne said. "Right now, we're working to see what the interest is in the trail."

Some of the historic sites that could be included in the historic Bayside Trail tour are:

■ Adam Thoroughgood House - This 17th-century brick house was built on land that was part of a 5,350-acre grant to the first Adam Thoroughgood in 1635. The restored house is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday, and is located off of Northampton Boulevard.

■ The site of Ferry Farms Courthouse - According to local

legend, Grace Sherwood, the witch of Pungo, was imprisoned on Ferry Farms, an 18th-century farm. Princess Anne County's second courthouse, which replaced an earlier one near Old Donation Church, was built here in 1735.

■ Lynnhaven House - This early 18th-century house, located off Wishart Road, was built by Francis Theobald around 1725. It's also open to the public on weekends.

■ Old Donation Church: This church, which still has an active Episcopal congregation, traces its roots to the 1600s, when the first Anglican church in Lynnhaven Parish was built on land owned by Adam Thoroughgood.

The present building was finished in 1916, and replaced a building that burned shortly after the Civil War.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Clubs

Great Neck-Virginia Beach AARP Chapter 4643 will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3 at the Great Neck Recreation Center, 2541 Shorehaven Dr.

Single Parents of Virginia Beach will hold an open dance every Friday night in June at the Roma Lodge on Magic Hollow Boulevard in Virginia Beach. All will begin at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. For more information, call 498-2666.

Health

Virginia Beach General Hospital offers a six-week Prepared Childbirth classes. Classes will begin on Sunday, June 1 and Monday, June 2 from 7-9 p.m. at the Green Run Medical Center. The class is designed for expectant parents. A certified Childbirth Educator will help prepare participants intellectually and emotionally for the childbirth experience using the Lamaze Method of Childbirth. There is a fee. For more information and to register, call the AHome Care Maternal/Child Program, 427-0309.

Virginia Beach General Hospital will offer Prenatal Information Night, a one hour walking tour of Virginia Beach General Hospital's Mother/Baby Unit. This class provides an opportunity to receive information about delivering at Virginia Beach General. Classes will be held on Sundays, June 1, 15 and 29 at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Virginia Beach General Hospital Lobby. There is no charge for this class.

Virginia Beach General Hospital will offer a Newborn Care class on Monday, June 9 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the hospital. The newborn class is designed to assist parents in taking care of their new arrivals.

Recreation

Celebrate life with the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater at the annual Walk for Life. The event begins at 10 a.m. June 7 at Mt. Trashmore. There will be food, games, live music and more. For more information, call 499-4444.

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia:
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, June 10, 1997 at 2:30 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:
SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:
PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH
1. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for William Cairns and Donald Monson. Property is located at 3022 New Bridge Road. **PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.**
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
2. An Ordinance upon Application of First Filipino Baptist Church Trustees for Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion (parking) on the south side of Holland Road, west of Monet Drive. Said parcel is located at 2969 Holland Road and contains 2,215 acres. **PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.**
3. An Ordinance upon Application of First Lutheran Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located northwest of the intersection of Princess Anne Road and Courthouse Loop. Said parcel is located at 2641 Princess Anne Road and contains 19,682 acres. **PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.**
4. An Ordinance upon Application of Les Modlin, DRWC Raceway, for a

Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature on certain property located on the north side of Norfolk & Southern Railroad R/W, 528.82 feet east of S. Great Neck Road. Said parcel contains 10,890 square feet.

LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH. PUNGO BOROUGH

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Jamie & Joseph Nicolato for a Conditional Use Permit for boarding horses and a training facility on the south side of Gum Bridge Road, 1445 feet west of Muddy Creek Road. Said parcel is located at 1501 Gum Bridge Road and contains 19.48 acres. **PUNGO BOROUGH.**

All interested parties are invited to attend.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf) Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE City Clerk

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 11, 1997 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. **PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE. AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.**

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

1. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Rudy Magnusen. Property is located on Lot 45A on Althabris Drive. **LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.**

2. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Jerry Spiker. Property is located at 928 Ballylinn Road. **KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.**

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

3. An Ordinance upon Application of J. G. M. L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 to AG-1 Agricultural District and O-2 Light Industrial District on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: From AG-2 to Conditional I-1 on the east side of Holland Road beginning at a point 300 feet more or less south of Dam Neck Road.

Parcel 2: From O-2 to Conditional I-1 located 70 feet more or less east of Holland Road beginning at a point 3000 feet more or less south of Dam Neck Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional I-1 is for industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for industrial use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 20,298.96 square feet. **PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.**

STREET CLOSURE:

4. Application of The Runnymede

Corporation for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of the following streets:

Pine Street: Beginning at the southern boundary of Fourth Street and running in a southerly direction a distance of 457.03 feet to the northern boundary of South Boulevard.

Poplar Street: Beginning at the southern boundary of Fourth Street and running in a southerly direction a distance of 456.99 feet to the northern boundary of South Boulevard. Said streets contain 1,385 acres. **LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.**

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Williams Holding Corp., a Virginia Corporation, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional R-30 Residential District on the west side of Seaboard Road, 1400 feet more or less north of County Place. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-30 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 30,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for agricultural use in accordance with Plan policies regarding Transition Area III. Said parcel contains 47,251 acres. **PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.**

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

6. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Williams Holding Corp., a VA Corporation. Property is located on the west side of Seaboard Road, 1400 feet more or less north of County Place. **PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.**

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Heron Ridge Golf Club, L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural Districts to Conditional R-20 Residential District on certain property located 1400 feet more or less west of Seaboard Road beginning at a point 600 feet southeast of Bernadotte Street. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-20 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 20,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for agricultural use in accordance with Plan policies regarding Transition Area III. Said parcel contains 69.16 acres. **PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.**

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE*

8. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Heron Ridge Golf Club, L.C. Property is located 1400 feet more or less west of Seaboard Road, 600 feet southeast of Bernadotte Street. **PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.**

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

9. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature (golf course) on certain property located on the southwest side of Seaboard Road beginning at a point 3500 feet more or less northwest of Princess Anne Road. Said parcel contains 283 acres. **PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.**

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Ralph E. Knapp, Jr., for a Conditional Use Permit for a building contractors storage yard on certain property located on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard beginning at a point 670 feet more or less west of First Colonial Road. Said parcel contains 30,250 square feet. **LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.**

AMENDMENT:

11. An Ordinance to amend Section 104 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to penalties for continuing zoning violations. More detailed information is available in the Planning Department.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Charles G. & Susan L. Barker for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales & service on the south side of Laskin Road, east of Regency Drive. Said parcel is located at 1905 Laskin Road and contains 34,290 square feet. **LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.**

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

13. An Ordinance upon Application of F. Wayne McLeskey, Jr., for a Conditional Use Permit for additional boat slips on the east side of Southside Road, north of Hobart Avenue. Said parcel is located at 416 Southside Drive and contains

4.22 acres. **LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.**

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Demetrios T. Koulikou for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle rentals on property located on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard 280 feet more or less west of Dorset Avenue. Said parcel is located at 5033 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 30,301 square feet. **BAYSIDE BOROUGH.**

15. An Ordinance upon Application of Wireless PCS, Inc., agent for AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole tower located on the south side of Independence Boulevard beginning at a point 350 feet more or less east of Round Hill Drive. Said parcel contains 2,272 acres. **KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.**

16. An Ordinance upon Application of Credits & Associates, Inc., a VA Corp., and M.M. & Gayle B. Rollins for a Conditional Use Permit for an alternative rural residential development on certain property located at the southern terminus of Oakum Creek Drive. Said parcel contains 30.03 acres. **PUNGO BOROUGH.**

STREET CLOSURE:

17. Application of Bayville Farms Associates, L.C., for a discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of First Court Road beginning at the southern boundary of Shore Drive and running in a southerly direction a distance of 1165.07 feet. Said parcel contains 1.42 acres. **BAYSIDE BOROUGH.**

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 5/14/97:

18. An Ordinance upon Application of Allsafe Self Storage LLC for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the south side of Baxter Road, 812 feet east of Princess Anne Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 4855-4867 Baxter Road and contains 3,240.7 acres. **KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.**

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 5/12/97:

19. An Ordinance upon Application of Allsafe Self Storage LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for mini-warehouses on the south side of Baxter Road, 812 feet east of Princess Anne Road. Said parcel is located at 4855-4867 Baxter Road and contains 3,240.7 acres. **KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.**

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 5/12/97:

20. An Ordinance upon Application of Joseph Overholt, Trustee Overholt Trust for a Conditional Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southwest corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Salem Road. The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban medium density residential use at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 15 acres. **KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.**

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 5/12/97:

21. An Ordinance upon Application of Richard S. Proffitt for a Conditional Use Permit for a car wash in conjunction with an existing gasoline station at the southwest corner of Independence Boulevard and N. Witwick Road. Said parcel is located at 773 Independence Boulevard and contains 21,823.56 square feet. **BAYSIDE BOROUGH.**

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 5/12/97:

22. An Ordinance upon Application of Wireless PCS, Inc., agent for AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole tower on the south side of Mill Dam Road, east of Great Neck Road. Said parcel is located at 1552 Mill Dam Road and contains 42,688.8

square feet. **LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.**

24. An Ordinance upon Application of PrimeCo Personal Communications, L.P., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole communication tower on the west side of Sandbridge Road, northeast of Colchester Road. Property is bounded on the east by Sandbridge Road and on the west by Hells Point Creek. Said parcel contains 73.8 acres. **PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.**

25. An Ordinance upon Application of Widener Homes Ltd., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Single Family District to A-12 Apartment District on certain property located on the north side of Witwick Road, beginning at a point 280 feet more or less west of Witwick Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-12 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this property for public/institutional/government use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 527 N. Witwick Road and contains 1 acre. **BAYSIDE BOROUGH.**

26. An Ordinance upon Application of William Moffat for a Conditional Use Permit for a borrow pit (farm pond) on certain property located 2850 feet more or less north of the intersection of London Bridge Road and Strawbridge Road. Said parcel is located at 2287 London Bridge Road and contains 5.472 acres. **PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.**

27. An Ordinance upon Application of Beach Ford for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and service at the southeast corner of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Foundry Lane. Said parcel is located at 2717 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 11.69 acres. **LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.**

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 5/12/97:

28. An Ordinance upon Application of Contractors Paving Company, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-1 Office District to Conditional I-2 Heavy Industrial District on property located between Avenue E and Rodriguez Drive beginning at a point 300 feet more or less south of Bonney Road and running in a southerly direction to the northern boundary of the Virginia Beach-Norfolk Expressway. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional I-2 is for heavy industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 9.02 acres. **LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.**

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 5/12/97:

All interested parties are invited to attend.
Robert J. Scott, Planning Director
Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF ALLEN
IN THE ALLEN SUPERIOR COURT
WILLIAM D. LANTZ,
Petitioner, vs.
ROBERTA L. LEFERVA,
Respondent.
CAUSE NO. 02D07-9109-JP-671

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that William Lantz has filed a Motion To Set Specific Visitation and Information For Contempt in the Allen County Superior Court in Cause No. 02D07-9109-JP-671. This notice is directed to Roberta L. LeFerva whose last known address is 200 Iroquois Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462. You are hereby ordered to appear on the 18th day of June, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. to hear and present evidence on the above-referenced petition. Failure to appear could result in adverse rulings entered against you.

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HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

Local entrepreneur makes cut

Michelle R. Jacobs, president and chief executive officer of Chesapeake-based Lee Staffing Resources, has been named as a finalist for the Virginia Region in the 1997 nationwide Entrepreneur of the Year Award competition.

The award competition, founded by Ernst and Young and nationally co-sponsored by NASDAQ and USA Today, is designed to recognize an entrepreneur who has grown a company from "concept to industry leader." Jacobs was named as a finalist based on the

growth of her business, innovation, and the culture and values she has created in sustaining her business.

The winner of the Virginia award, one of 46 regional competitions throughout the United States, will be named in Richmond in June and the recipient will then compete for the national award to be announced in November in Palm Springs, Calif.

Jacobs founded Lee Staffing Resources in 1985 to initially provide temporary clerical help to Peninsula businesses. Since that time, the business has grown dramatically and now serves a wide variety of local, national and international firms both on the Peninsula and Southside with temporary, contract, temp-to-hire, and full-time placement staffing services in not only the clerical

field but also industrial, technical, engineering and professional occupations.

To support this growth, a fully-staffed Southside office was also opened in 1993 in Chesapeake to complement the Newport News headquarters and provide full services to clients in Chesapeake, Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Suffolk.

Staffing's Chesapeake office is located at 2010 Old Greenbrier in Greenbrier between Woodlake Drive and Military Highway.

Jacobs was previously honored by being named "Young Entrepreneur of the Year" for 1989 by the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and has been active in numerous civic, charitable, professional and educational organizations and activities.

Dots debuts in Hampton Roads

Dots, a nationwide office-price women's apparel chain, opened its 238th store this week in the Broad Creek Shopping Center on Military Highway.

Dots' merchandising strategy is to offer brand name women's fashions for \$10 or less. The stores feature misses, juniors and plus sizes, along with intimate apparel and accessories.

Dots maintains strong relationships with apparel resources around the world. This enables the company to immediately buy, ship and stock stores at the same time that competing mall merchants

receive identical merchandise. It offers a "No Questions Asked" return policy and accepts most major credit cards.

The company is now opening stores at an annual growth rate of 30 to 40 percent. Dots already has a presence in the Virginia market with locations in Woodbridge and Manassas. Another Hampton Roads store is set to open in Chesapeake on May 29.

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Education Foundation hosts golf tournament

The Virginia Beach City Public Schools Education Foundation will host its third annual golf tournament at Hell's Point Golf Club on Thursday, June 19 at 1 p.m.

Prizes for a hole-in-one include a Ford Explorer from Beach Ford, high-end computer system from Electronics Systems, and patio furniture from McBroom-Great Atlantic Pool/Spas/Fireplace. In addition, prizes for the longest drive, closest to the pin, and top teams will also be given.

All participants will receive complimentary golf balls for the driving range and gift bags. Following the outing, a dinner will be provided by Outback Steakhouse.

Proceeds from the tournament will again be used for scholarships. Last year's tournament raised more than \$8,000.

For more information regarding tournament sponsor benefits and registration, call Bill Graham, 427-5300 (work) or 547-8502 (home).

Lifeguard Challenge scheduled for June 22

Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation will hold the Fifth Annual Lifeguard Challenge on Sunday, June 22 at 7 p.m. at Great Neck Recreation Center.

Agencies and aquatic facilities from throughout Tidewater will be represented by lifeguard teams as they compete in events which showcase life guarding skills. An Awards Ceremony will follow the competition.

Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation presents this event in partnership with Aquawear and BOC Gases.

Great Neck Recreation Center is located at 2521 Shorehaven Road (off Great Neck Road adjacent to Cox High School) in Virginia Beach. Admission is free. For information, call Bow Creek Aquatics, 431-3765, TDD 471-5839.

Recreation Aquatics Team seeks members

The Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Aquatics Team is seeking members. American Red Cross lifeguard training certification and CPR for the professional rescuer must be current.

The Department of Parks and Recreation has open positions

available at all Virginia Beach Recreation Centers. Applications should be submitted to Virginia Beach Human Resources, Municipal Center, Building 18, Room 106.

For further information, call 471-5884.

'Beach Clips' highlights environmental issues

The June edition of "Beach Clips," the city's magazine-style show features an environmentally oriented program featuring the many ways the Virginia Beach is preserving its resources.

"Reserving Our Farm Land" examines the Agricultural Reserve Program, in which the city purchases arable land to preserve it. "Recycling At Home" explains the new curbside recycling program scheduled to start this summer. "Experimenting In Nature"

highlights an experimental program to improve neighborhood parks. "Twenty Lifetimes in Wood" describes the city of Virginia Beach 500 Year Forest, a unique preservation program.

"Beach Clips," shown on VBTV Channel 48, features a wide variety of stories to keep you informed about what's new in Virginia Beach.

This edition begins airing on June 16 and runs daily through Aug. 4.

Young anglers tackle the joys of fishing

Help your youngster tackle the basics of angling Virginia waters by attending a family fishing clinic. You and your child will team up with an experienced fisherman for guided instructions on beginning fishing skills. Admission is free.

The clinic will be held Saturday, June 7 from 8:30-

12:30 p.m. at Munden Point Park and is open to children aged 6 to 14 who are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For more information, call the Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation, 471-5884, TDD 471-5839. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

Civil War weekend set at Lynnhaven House

A weekend of living history awaits Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the historic Lynnhaven House.

There is no charge for children under 6. For young people aged 6 to 18, the fee is \$1, and for adults, \$3. It includes a tour of the Colonial-period Lynnhaven House with costumed guides.

The Third Regiment of the Virginia Volunteer Infantry, some of whom appeared in the motion picture "Gettysburg,"

will re-enact a tent encampment in Confederate uniforms and authentic weapons. Troops will drill, fire rifles and perform camp activities such as meal preparation.

The Lynnhaven House is located at 4405 Wishart Rd. off Independence Boulevard/Haygood Road intersection and near Haygood Shopping Center.

For more information, call 456-0351 or 481-2145.

Strawberry surprise? Fest-goers find 'berried treasure' in Pungo



ROSY CHEEKS. Or is that strawberry cheeks? Katlyn Smith of Chesapeake, 6, enjoys festival fare after having a bright strawberry painted on her face.

Proceeds fund community projects

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Looks like the witch's spell for good weather cast by Ann Flanagan Gregory worked — at least for one day.

But what a day it was as Pungo rolled out the red carpet for thousands who flocked to the 14th annual Strawberry Festival in this rural corner of Virginia Beach.

Even the Virginia Lottery's Lady Luck, Melanie MacQueen, was spellbound by the down-home shindig honoring Pungo's most celebrated crop.

"I wish everyone has their fill of strawberries and that nobody gets sick. I know I'm going to eat as many as they'll let me!" MacQueen chuckled, rubbing elbows with honorary witch Gregory during the kickoff of Saturday's festivities.

The partying, dampened only by overcast skies Sunday, lasted well until the two-day festival's closing. But organizers and celebrants didn't forget the whole reason for the event: giving back to the community.

In the festival's 14-year history, more than \$180,000 has been donated to Pungo area charities, civic organizations, service



SIMPLY SUCCULENT. Sweet strawberry tarts were a big draw at last weekend's festival.

projects, schools and scholarships.

Organizations were creative in their fund-raisers, offering everything from face painting to non-alcoholic daiquiris. The latter is a specialty of the Back Bay/Pungo Civic League, which relies on a team of volunteers to keep the blenders humming.

"We usually figure we'll make about 3,000 daiquiris over the weekend," said booth chairman Chris Carobine. "We have three blenders going and an extra two,

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Council adopts Lake Ridge plan

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

City council has adopted the Princess Anne Corridor Plan — the Lake Ridge Land Use Plan for the use of approximately 2000 city-owned acres — along with a golf course and multi-purpose stadium.

The vote on the plan Tuesday night was not unanimous, 8-3, with councilwomen Barbara Henley, Reba McClanan and Nancy Parker dissenting.

A unanimous vote was registered on the resolution to authorize the city manager and city attorney to draw up an

agreement with the Tournament Players Club (TPC) for one golf facility on the property with an option to build a second course.

PGA Tour Golf Course Properties is the owner of TPC.

The resolution also includes the transfer of \$3.5 million from the Economic and Tourism Development Partnership, set up to spur economic and tourism growth, to a new project, "Lake Ridge Golf Facilities." It also authorizes the acquisition of an access point along Princess Anne Road for the project.

A third resolution involving the Lake Ridge properties authorizes

the necessary documents for the establishment of the Multi-Purpose Sports Stadium. It was approved by a 9-0 vote.

McClanan was absent and councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. abstained because of a conflict.

McClanan, along with Henley, Parker and Strayhorn, had attempted to have the stadium removed from the capital budget before its approval two weeks ago. They failed, however, to get the necessary support to defeat the project.

Hampton Roads Sports, owners of the Mariners Soccer Team, will use and operate the stadium

under an agreement with the Virginia Beach Development Authority.

Council previously voted to build the stadium for approximately \$9 million.

The city, the Development Authority and Virginia Beach Public Schools will be entitled to use the stadium for community service events.

Already located on the site are the amphitheater and Princess Anne Park which, under the plan, will be moved to another location.

Soap box derby ready to roll

Field of contestants grows this year

By M.J. Knoblock
Correspondent

Roger Mornecault remembers soap box derby racing when he was a child.

"I just couldn't wait for race day to come along," he said. "Even if I didn't win, it was just competing and meeting other kids from all over and knowing that whatever you put together could work and did work."

Mornecault wants that same experience for today's generation. He's been instrumental in

reviving the slumbering soap box derby racing element in Virginia Beach.

As local director of next weekend's Second Annual Virginia Beach Soap Box Derby at Little Creek, he has seen the field increase. Last year's eight competitors have grown to 20 entrants as of last week's registration deadline.

"I'm not doing this for myself," said Mornecault. "I'm doing this for the kids. I'm trying to bring

this back for them because it's so much fun."

Boys and girls ages 9 to 16 will compete against each other in the small stock cars with no motor.

Strategy and a little luck determine the winner.

Part of the fun of the race takes place long before hand, when the cars are put together.

"It's not really a lot of work," said Mornecault, noting that a single parent and the child can assemble it together with just a

CHECK IT OUT

What: Virginia Beach Soap Box Derby Association's second annual race.
When: Saturday, June 7, 10:30 a.m.
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few basic tools.

"They've got a car now that can take four or eight hours to put together," he added.

Costing about \$380, contestants can finance the endeavor themselves or find a local sponsor to make the purchase for them.

"It's a stock class kit that you can put together if you follow the instructions carefully," Mornecault added.

The vehicle's shell can be painted or decorated to the contestant's content.

Each car is given a rigorous inspection by volunteers on race day to ensure safety and fairness. Virginia Beach hasn't had a derby injury yet.

"They're very safe," said Mornecault. "The nice thing about these cars is the breaking mechanism. You could stop on a dime if you absolutely had to, which I think is amazing to be able to do that — it's 200 pounds."

The other safety feature is how



ROLL 'EM. Last year's local soap box champ, Ben Burgoyne, competed at the national race in Akron, Ohio.

Courtesy: Photos

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Commentary

GRADUATION '97

A time of change

It is the greatest leap of their young lives: a time of turning tassels, looking to the future and receiving the diploma for which they have worked many long years.

Graduation.

As this rite of late spring soon plays out at high schools across Hampton Roads, graduates will be given much advice as they embark on their new lives. The Class of '97 will be told to aim for the top of the mountain, dare to be different and "do their own thing — but do it well." Unfortunately, much of this advice has been hashed and rehashed for many previous graduations. Few speeches will be truly stirring.

Throughout all of this it would be wise for the graduates to know and understand that, with the education they have received and are yet to receive, their one asset is time.

Time: that God-given element that is life. All of the education, plans, dreams — none would be worth a nickel without the time to make it possible.

Up to this point in their lives, time has been something slow that never seemed to pass. Much of it has been wasted. Days seem long in a young person's life, but from here on the days will begin to pass quickly. The last 12 years will become distant memories, which one day they will want to relive.

As they grow older, they will find that there are not enough hours in the day to accomplish that which they want to do. Time, they should be told, is that valuable asset that should be cherished.

The graduates should consider the book of Proverbs in their understanding of time:

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven;

A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what has been planted;

A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up;

A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to cast away;

A time to rend and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

A time of love and time of hate; a time of love and a time of peace.

Most of all, let the graduate of 1997 have the time to make a happy life.



The great 'dating' dilemma

By Jamie Brown
Editorial Supervisor

For some reason, dates have always been a problem for me. I'm not referring to dates like social engagements. Nor the fruits of certain palm trees. I mean calendar dates.

Since dates are very important in the newspaper industry, I have a big wall calendar hanging right beside my head at the office. On it, I write each appointment, including what time, who I'm meeting, brief purpose of the meeting, etc.

Just to make sure I don't forget, I also write the same information down on a desk calendar that sits right in front of me. So just about any direction I turn, there is a date calendar staring right back.

It's when I leave the office that dates become a problem. I may seem egotistical, but I do remember my own birth date, and those of my parents and siblings, plus other special occasions. Or so I used to think.

A good example involves my parents' anniversary. They were married on April 4, 1948. Since special dates tend to slip my mind from time to time, I was determined to be on the good roster and call them that day offering congratulations.

Mom answered the phone and I immediately wished her good tidings on her and Dad's special day. She said, "Thanks, but you're a day early." Shocked, I asked, "Weren't all married on April 4?" She answered, "Yes, but that's tomorrow." Feeling a bit sheepish, I told her to disregard the call and I would do it again the next day.

You probably guessed, I forgot. On Mother's Day I figured to atone for the lapse and mailed her a special card. It didn't arrive until the day after — and, to add insult to injury, there was 22 cents postage due.

Birth dates and anniversaries in my home also give me a lot of trouble for some unfathomable reason. My wife and two daughters were born in March, May and September, respectively. That I can keep up with. One's date is the 18th, one the 19th and the other the 20th. For the life of me, I cannot keep it straight which date goes with which month.

The months are sequential, the dates are not. I suspect that may be the problem. Perhaps if it was March 18, May 19 and Sept. 20, it would be easier to remember. Obviously, the dates are not because I can remember they are not. Yet the magic formula escapes me.

My anniversary gets me in a lot of trouble too. I know the month, October. The date does me in and the year buries me. I know that of all dates, that one should be indelibly etched in my memory. Sometimes I get part of it right. If I get the date OK, then I get in trouble because I don't know how many years it has been. If I get the latter correct, then I missed the day by a day or days.

My family will know after reading this that I have somewhat solved the problem. Since I know the month and approximate date, I will buy the card and gifts around the first of those months and hope that the other cards that come in the mail will remind me to pull my stuff out of hiding.

It's not that the dates are not important to me. They are. I just have some

sort of mental block that I have not found a way around it yet.

It would be a very hard thing to handle to discover that it is some form of early dementia creeping in since I'm only, uh, 45 years old? It could be, and if so, then I can absolve myself for any wrongs caused by forgetting because there would be a medical reason for the problem.

It may also be that numbers themselves give me a problem. I know that math was never a strong suit in school. I can add, subtract, multiply and divide with fair certainty. That is all I can do. And since numbers are an integral part of dates, there may be a connection.

Some people have suggested I carry a pocket calendar around with me everywhere I go. I tried that. Most of the time I forgot I had it in my pocket. When I did pull it out, well, suffice it to say that a dated calendar is no good if the 'c'ates have already passed.

I know for a fact that I am not the only person who suffers from this malady. Otherwise the greeting card industry would not have rows upon rows of cards that are apologetic for being late or missing the date.

It may even be helpful to organize some sort of support group for all of us suffering from date forgetfulness. But we would all probably forget when the meetings were scheduled and show up to an empty room. That could lead to a support group for the support group and, well, that would get us nowhere.

I've tried the string around the finger bit, but all I did was cut off the circulation to the tip.

I guess some of us just have to be told right up front, "Hey, don't forget that tomorrow is my birthday. And Daddy, I'm not 8 years old anymore."

Tanning: a baked-brain idea

The sun and my skin just don't mix. To put it simply, I bake.

Of course, I write this while suffering the effects of a weekend sunburn that refuses to fade into a mellow tan.

Sadly, all I have to look forward to is a peeling nose and maybe, if I'm lucky, a slight tan line from my watch.

Oh yeah, can't forget those wrinkles and age spots that I'll develop down the line.

To bake or fake, that is the question. Don't get my drift? Then let me explain.

"Baking" is broiling yourself under God's spotlight (the sun) for hours on end. Or it could be shoving myself into one of those coffin-like sunbeds that fry the skin in a matter of minutes. "Faking" means buying a bottle of that sunless tanning lotion, slathering it on my skin and praying that my body doesn't turn orange.

In the quest for the ultimate tan, I have tried all three. I also vetoed all three.

The days of natural tanning are far behind me. In high school, you either had to have a tan or be ridiculed as a ghost. Not wanting to suffer humili-

ation, I did my share of "catching some rays," even with a radio, good book and bottle of water to mist my sweaty skin, I considered it torture.

But not my friends, the sun goddesses who could fall asleep for hours and wake up not burned, but glowing a deep bronze. For every hour I spent in the sun, I'd just turn a deeper shade of red.

Foolish as it was, my girlfriend Lisa and I read that covering your body with Crisco would yield the richest tan possible. Wrong. We sizzled like bacon under the summer sun and ended up looking like crispy critters.

In college, the sunbed craze began. I remember when the first beds opened near my small North Carolina college. For just \$30 you could purchase six sessions "guaranteed" to give that golden glow.

Sucker that I am, I fell for it. At the end of the six sessions, I was out \$30 and still being called "Pale-face" by my roommate and dorm friends.

Later, after graduation while I was working at an Emporia newspaper, I decided to give sunbeds one more try. This time, the "superbed" burned my butt and a few other places. Still no tan and my wallet was significantly lighter.

When I moved back home to Hampton Roads, I grew weary of seeing the bronzed bikini babes at the oceanfront. In comparison, I was a chalky white. Yuck!

I bought a bottle of that fake suntan cream and carefully read the instructions. Put the lotion on evenly, it warned, and wash your hands afterward.

Of course, I forgot to wash my hands. My palms turned bright orange. Worse yet, I must not have put the lotion on evenly because I ended up looking like one streaky mess — tan in parts, white in others.

No more "fake bake" for me, I decided.

That left me with no possible way to get a tan, except suntan pills. I've seen them, and I'm not going to try them. An equally pale chum experimented with those and turned a nasty shade of peach.

So I must settle with white, a very unappealing thought when everyone else in the world (it seems) is sporting that Coppernile look.

Well, not everyone.

In Sunday school last weekend, one of my low-headed young students came in with bright red cheeks looking very uncomfortable in his little suit. I was still a little warm from my own flushed skin.

After a while, Eric asked to get a drink of cool water to quench the heat in his skin.

"Look, I've got a bad sunburn, Miss Vicki," he observed.

"So do I," I commiserated, showing Eric my own burn.

"Maybe you should get some water, too," he responded.

I smiled. No water or ice can quench the misery that comes with naturally-fair skin.

"Poor kid," I thought, "you've got a long, ghostly road ahead of you. Better get used to it now."

At least we can console ourselves, according to fashion magazines, the pale look is in. Still, what I wouldn't do for just one tropical tan.

Flinn farce was just tip of one very big iceberg

I truly felt that I had been extremely fair to Lt. Kelly Flinn, the now-discharged B-52 woman pilot, in my column last week. I felt that some type of disciplinary action should have been taken against Flinn because the Uniformed Code of Military Justice does not make exception for disobedience of orders or lying to your superior officer, even for women.



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

While there is no doubt that adultery is rampant in the armed services, they do very little about enforcing the laws against it. The Flinn case, in my opinion, is not about adultery, but rather disobeying orders and lying.

I felt that Flinn should have been grounded, sent to the brig for a few days and then received some type of counseling. Of course, that would not have set well with the femi-Nazis and others who know absolutely nothing about the military service.

It's OK to put a man in the brig, but not a woman. They could have let her stay in the brig until her hormones cooled down, and then she would be ready to fly again. But she took a general discharge after requesting an honorable one. To have given her an honorable discharge would have been an insult to all of the service men and women who served honorably without disobeying orders or lying to their superiors.

I could not believe my ears when Senate Majority leader Trent Lott said, "I'll tell you, the Pentagon is not in touch with this so-called concept of fraternization. I mean, get real. You're dealing with human beings... I think at the minimum she ought to get honorable discharge."

Well, Sen. Lott, if at the "minimum" she should get an honorable discharge, does that mean that at the maximum, she should receive a medal of some kind for lying and refusing to obey orders? Lott had better "get real" and stop pandering to the liberals and women voters, or his term as majority leader will be short lived.

Lott has never spent one day in the military and wouldn't know a rifle inspection from a short-arm inspection, but overnight he becomes an authority on the military. Bill Clinton deserves credit for having enough sense to stay out of this one. With his record, I don't blame him.

There is no doubt that this whole thing has been handled badly. But as long as the government insists upon using our armed services for social engineering, we can expect more cases like the Flinn one. It's the beginning of the destruction of the military service as we have known it.

Welcome to the real world.

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The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

Last year we celebrated the relocation of 24 new companies to our city, with approximately 30 expansions or relocations of existing businesses, creating 1,200 new jobs and a capital investment in the city of almost \$50-million.

New companies locating in Virginia Beach last year included Del-Tek International, the Caribbean Cookie Company and Avis. These companies chose Virginia Beach because of our central, mid-Atlantic location, excellent transportation network, pro business attitude and quality of life.

In addition, a number of companies who have prospered in Virginia Beach chose to expand their operations here: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Defense Commissary Agency's (DeCA) Central Region and a number of high technology companies followed including Oceana Sensor Technologies, NGK-Locke Polymer Insulators and Impaq Corporation.

Lillian Vernon celebrated its fifth expansion since moving here eight years ago and entertainment companies Max Media, New Dominion Pictures and Susquehanna Radio Corporation each consolidated and expand its business here.

What is behind this exciting growth and development?

Our Department of Economic Development works hard to attract new companies to the city and assist existing companies with expansion. In addition, our municipal government, under the leadership of City Manager James K. Spore, continues the Total Quality Management (TQM) program that has resulted in the city winning the first National Innovation Recognition Award for developing a management structure that has helped improve services.

The coordination among political leaders, city officials and workers to balance competing needs for police, parks and schools set Virginia Beach apart from other cities such as Phoenix, Ariz. and Charlotte, N.C.

By becoming the best managed and most innovative city possible, we make ourselves more attractive to

business. More than ever, companies are focusing on whether an area is a good place to live when they consider where they would like to head-quarter or expand their business operations.

Increasingly, Virginia Beach is popping up on the national and regional rankings of cities whose quality of life is among the best in the country.

Up to now, our outstanding quality of life has been the "best kept secret" of those who live here. Sometimes we even take for granted our marvelous climate, low crime rate, fine schools, affordable housing and the wealth of natural and man-made resources with which Virginia Beach is endowed.

But others are beginning to take notice of our city and to follow the example of business leaders like Lillian Vernon, who says, "Life is just good in Virginia Beach."

The fact is, life really is good in Virginia Beach and each year it gets even better as the city strives to reach its goal of being nothing less than the best place in the world to live, work and play.

Achieving this goal will continue to take hard work, sacrifice and, most of all, commitment from every citizen, each of whom has the ability to contribute by taking pride in our city, contributing time and effort to maintain our standards of excellence and becoming an ambassador for Virginia Beach at home and away. Our citizens have much to brag about. Each year the city's list of awards and recognition continues to grow.

Virginia with a population just under half a million. It is also a safe place to live, work and visit — the safest city in the country for its size.

For the ninth consecutive year, Virginia Beach has the lowest crime rates in the nation for cities in its population category, according to recent studies by The U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Virginia Beach's business climate includes a diverse economic base that includes manufacturing, finance, communications, entertainment and even home-based businesses.

Outlook Americas, a publication of the World Economic Development Alliance, named Virginia Beach in its 25 Choice Cities "as one of the rock solid cities for business." Home Office Computing says, "Virginia Beach is a place people come to visit and never leave," in its Top Ten Best Cities for Home-Based Businesses study.

In this new year, as we move forward to a new millennium, Virginia Beach will emerge as one of this country's most economically vibrant, livable and progressive cities. We will not rest on yesterday's laurels, but will work together to develop the kind of hometown of which we can all continue to be proud.

Ginny Malinsky of the Department of Economic Development contributed to this column.

Crime Solvers seek suspects in Beach business robberies

You can help the Virginia Beach police with information on a robbery at a 7-Eleven store.

On Tuesday, May 6 at 11:10 a.m., the assistant manager was leaving the store located at 201 S. Witchduck Road with the bank deposit.

A man with a handgun approached his vehicle, aimed the gun at the manager and demanded money. After receiving the money the robber left toward Green-Road.

The robber is described as black, in his mid-20s, over 6-feet-tall, 140 pounds, with short black hair and a light mustache and goatee. He was wearing blue jeans and a gray sweatshirt.

Call Crime Solvers at 427-0000 to help solve a crime. You do not have to give your name to collect a cash reward.

Virginia Beach robbery detectives need your assistance solving a robbery at a Captain D's restaurant.

On Tuesday, April 29 at about 9:45 p.m., two men entered the Captain D's located at 5664 Indian River Rd.

across from CBN. They produced handguns and demanded money from the working staff. After obtaining the money, the subjects left the business heading towards the Exxon station.

The first suspect is described as black, tall, 200 pounds, 25 to 28 years old, with a dark complexion. He was wearing a black leather touring cap and a baggy blue sweatshirt with a white oval design in the center.

The second suspect is described as black, tall, 170 pounds, with short black hair and a thin mustache. He was wearing a black leather touring cap and a light colored shirt with vertical stripes.

Providing information that leads to an arrest in this case or any other crime could earn you a cash reward. Become a crime fighter and call Crime Solvers at 427-0000, or check out the web site "crimesolvers.com".



Suspect

Up close and personal

Jim Campbell: Days of sea and sail

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Jim Campbell's pen and ink drawings tracing America's rich maritime past are renowned on the West Coast for their detail and accuracy. Art lovers in the East will discover this California treasure when Virginia Beach's Old Coast Guard Station Museum hosts the noted author, historian and artist today through Sunday.

Campbell will exhibit and demonstrate his marine art from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily at the 24th Street Museum.

A professional illustrator for more than 30 years, Campbell has close ties to Virginia Beach. His daughter, Nancy, calls Hampton Roads home, while her husband, Dr. Bill Brown, is dean of the College of Communications at Regent University. When the opportunity to introduce his works to a new audience presented itself, Campbell jumped at the chance.

"I'm a self-taught artist. When I was in school I wanted to be a writer, but my teacher would tell me I probably wouldn't make it. But the one thing that I have in my life is enthusiasm and drive. You can do anything you want to if you have those two qualities," he said.

Inspired by the sea and all its lure, Campbell launched his art career 45 years ago.

"I used to work at the *Examiner* in San Francisco and our car was too old to drive back and forth to work, so I used to spend a lot of time in the city. In those days, I used to hang out at the old wharf — more of a working wharf in those days than a tourist wharf. I would draw the fishermen, teamsters, stevedores and wharf life.

"People would say, 'Hey kid, what do you want for that?' I could never get over that people would pay me for what I was drawing. In retrospect, I was probably one of the first street artists."

Later, Campbell began writing about "days of the sail" — little-known facts, fascinating tidbits and trivia.

"To me, history can be extremely interesting. It doesn't need to be dry, mundane things. The ship, the sea and life in this vein is my whole life. I'm kind of a walking encyclopedia."

In 1975, he formed his own company, Cam Mac Originals, which markets his work in galleries and shops along the West Coast.

When not writing, Campbell communicates this knowledge through his pen and ink drawings — one of the oldest media known to man. His works hang in private collections around the world. His credits include being commissioned by the U.S. Postal Service to design several of its official cancellation and cachet stamps. Most recently, he has found success in drawing marine art on nautical charts.

During his Virginia Beach exhibition, Campbell will complete drawings of historical sailing vessels on local charts of waterways from the Chesapeake Bay to Cape Hatteras. While he draws, the ambidextrous artist will provide running commentary about the ships, waterways and various marine trivia about the area.



Name: Jim Campbell.

What brought you to this area: Showing of artwork at the Old Coast Guard Station Museum this weekend. Also showing June 5-7 at Morales Art Gallery in Duck, N.C.

Hometown: San Jose, Calif.

Birthdate: Nov. 1, 1928.

Nickname: None. I'm just Jim Campbell.

Occupation: Artist, writer and historian.

Marital Status: Joanne is my wife of 49 years.

Children: One grown daughter, Nancy Brown, whose husband Dr. Bill Brown, is dean of College of Communication at Regent University.

Magazines I read regularly: *Seaways* and *National Geographic*.

Favorite authors: Too many to tell.

Favorite meal and beverage: Steak and good wine.

What most people don't know about me: I worked for the *San Jose Mercury News* in California before I retired in '93.

Best thing about myself: Enthusiasm for life and a drive to succeed.

Pets: None.

Ideal vacation: America's historic places.

Hobbies: Maritime history and collecting antiques.

First job: Worked as a printer in my father's shop in Ohio. Then I moved west and worked 45 years at *Mercury News* in San Jose, Calif.

Worst job: I've always enjoyed my work.

Favorite sport: Baseball.

If I received \$1 million: I would still be the same. Try me!

Special thanks

Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera Oberndorf signed a proclamation making May 11-17 Law Enforcement Week. Present during the proclamation signing, from left, were: Richard Campbell, Optimist Club of Bayside; Oberndorf; Beverly Skinner-Lassen, Optimist Club of Virginia Beach; and, Lee Banks, Optimist Club of Bayside. Local police departments conduct memorial services, and Optimist clubs across the nation demonstrate their support for law enforcement by becoming actively involved in programs and projects that promote respect for law. They also combat public apathy toward crime.



Outdoors adventure: the 'natural' way

By Jane Rowe
Correspondent

Vickie Shufer's bright blue eyes scan the forest floor and the treetops as she searches for the edible leaves and berries growing in the marshes and scrub brush.

On this green spring day it seems as if there are zillions of plants growing along False Cape State Park's sandy interior roads, and most of the leaves or trailing vines look pretty much alike to the casual observer. It takes a skilled naturalist to spot the few among the many.

Shufer patiently points out the various leaf shapes, growth patterns and colors of the different species to several people who followed her into the marshes and woods on a recent weekend.

This native plant expert, who's spent most of her life studying and foraging for wild plants, also spends a lot of time trying to educate others, and she's memorized little jingles and rhymes to help her students identify the species that at first glance look so much alike.

"Sedges have edges," she chanted, "and rushes are round. Grasses are hollow like a hole in the ground."

This group, which included about 10 adults and one six-year-old, all repeated this rhyme to themselves. Learning to recognize the wild plants, they admitted, can be tricky even if you're interested enough to spend all weekend rambling through the woods or wading through marshes in this wilderness park.

These weekend guests, most of whom follow Shufer's work through her newsletter *The Wild Foods Forum*, had come for a weekend long tour of False Cape's dunes, woods and marshes. They represent one of many groups that she's led in a lifetime of wildlife foraging.

"I like taking groups down here," said Shufer, who's foraged for plants in the mountains of her native Kentucky, in the Peru rainforests and in the backyard of her Blackwater house.

"This is a good place to come to learn because there aren't a lot of species that can grow in this sandy, salty environment. So it's easy to pick out the ones that are here."

The plants that do grow range from the tiny sea rocket, which grows right along the dune line to the tall cattails that grow in the marshes. Color can be a key in identifying the plants, said Vickie as she struggled into hip boots and plunged into knee-deep marsh water to search for cattails, sweet flags and pennywort.

"Cattails have a bluish-green color, sweet flag is yellow green," she explained as she searched for flowering cattails, the inner stalk of which has been used in stir fries.

Because many wild plants are poisonous, it's important to know exactly what you're doing before you go out and pick your dinner from the woods, she cautioned.

Even with her experience, she still avoids mushrooms "because I've never been able to find anyone who was willing to teach me about them. Everyone's always told me that there are old mushroom foragers, but there are no old, bold mushroom foragers. And I've been told that most of the mushrooms growing wild in this area are the poisonous ones."

Aside from the obvious danger of picking a poisonous plant, rambling in the wilderness can pose other dangers as well. Shufer's eyes twinkled a little when an onlooker cautioned her "to be careful" wading through a mucky bog.

"Don't worry," she said, "I know exactly what you're talking about. I'm always on the lookout for cottonmouths. I used to take consolation in the belief that they stayed on the surface until I saw one come up from underneath one day."

"They do stay on the surface but they also dive under sometimes," she added, imitating the snake's diving motion with her arm.

At first glance, Shufer seems like an unlikely candidate for marsh walks and close snake encounters. She's a petite lady with shoulder-length wavy brown hair and her small hands don't look like they were made for rough work.

"But they're tough," she winked as she slipped the spiny stalk off of a plant to display the edible interior. "I've been doing this for a long time."

These days, Shufer's a professional naturalist who works out of home, where she publishes

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Vickie Shufer, environmentalist

her newsletter, arranging her tours and growing wild plants in her own yard. But she's been interested in the outdoors since she was a child growing up in the mountains.

"I was always outdoors rambling around. My mother would say 'Where's Vickie?' and send somebody looking for me, but a lot of times I'd just hide. Just at the point when her family and neighbors got into the habit of supermarket shopping she developed a fascination for the herbal teas and berries that the mountain residents had used for centuries.

"My uncle used to kid and tell me I was making that old 'briar tea' Shufer said. She was an outdoor recreation major with a heavy emphasis on nature study while she was a student at the University of Louisville. "I basically wrote my own curriculum," she said. "And I took a lot of botany courses. I did a work-study program while I was there and I worked with a professor who went out into the

fox, feral pigs and wild ponies. The trams move along the interior roads, which wind through the maritime forests, but visitors can also see beaches, dunes and marshes. Settlements sprang up in the park during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, and a cemetery and church site from one settlement still remain near Wash Woods.

Transportation into the park, which can only be reached by crossing Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, has been a problem since motorized traffic was forbidden in the refuge about 30 years ago. These trams, which will operate from April through October, represent a recent agreement between federal and state officials, and the state, Virginia Power and other transportation-related organizations are helping to fund the project.

For more information or to make reservations call 1-800-933-PARK.



PRETTY PICTURE. Environmentalist Vickie Shufer led weekend visitors past such sites as this abandoned boat and over scenic dunes.

field foraging. That gave me the courage to try some of the things I wouldn't have tried because you don't learn a lot of this from sitting in a classroom studying."

After she moved to Virginia Beach, she "linked up with a foraging group here and I've been doing what I've been doing for 25 years."

Her expertise doesn't stop with plants, she also has some knowledge of wild animals and marine life, and she can identify a species by looking at its tracks.

Her first experience at False Cape State Park came during the 1980s when she conducted tours for teenagers under a Virginia Wildlife Federation.

"I led 16-18-year-olds on aquatic studies programs from 1982-1992," she said.

The kids, she added, were learning about marine life by casting nets "and seeing what we would pull up."

"We saw a major decline during that period of time in the number of marine animals living in the bay," she added, referring to Back Bay which forms the western boundary of False Cape State Park.

"One night when we first started the kids had a big fish fry from all of the white perch they'd pulled in, but towards the end it was almost like we were putting the nets out just to see how few things we would pull in."

False Cape State Park, which lies south of Back Bay Wildlife Refuge at the extreme southern tip of Virginia Beach, isn't a place for wimps. Shufer laughs when she remembers the complaints from some of the kids about the heat, insects or the long hikes across soft dunes to get from the bay to the beach.

"Some of this younger generation just doesn't have the physical endurance the older one did," she said.

Shufer's guests aren't required to totally rough it for the weekend, since they stay in the park's education center, which is equipped with running water, comfortable beds and a modern kitchen. They must, however, come prepared to spend a lot of time outdoors in a coastal environment, and cold winds, hot sun, long walks and insects are just part of the package. On this recent weekend tour, her guests collected the ticks they found on their clothes, arms and legs in a small baggie.

The guests also eat a lot of what they collect, although Shufer and friend Michele Sheen, who acts as her cook for the



Photos by Jane Rowe

NATURE'S GLORY. Nature enthusiast Vickie Shufer is a familiar face at False Cape State Park, where she regularly leads tours and walks.

weekend tours, also bring food into the park. Under their guidance, the guests help prepare the meals, which include wild game, stir fries from organic vegetables, wild salads and herbal teas.

"I experimented with different cooks," Vickie said, "until I found Michele. I had one high school home economics teacher who, it turned out, only knew how to cook with a microwave and using frozen foods."

Nothing on Sheen's menu is either frozen or microwaved, and she and Shufer patiently showed the guests how to make a salad from cattail stalks, greenbrier tips, chickweed, sheep sorrel and the spicy sky rockets that grow almost on the ocean's edge. They also concocted a tea made from the small white elder flowers, lemons and honey.

"I make up recipes all of the time," Shufer said, "and then I make recipe cards after I get home and send them to my guests. I don't like to come down here with a set menu because you never know what you might find."

"I'd never had these types of foods before, but I enjoyed it very much," one guest said after Saturday night's dinner.

Some of the guests, who come

from as far away as Richmond or North Carolina, came to build on their already existing knowledge of native foods, organic cooking and wildlife. For others, it was a totally new experience.

"This is really my first experience," said Richmond resident Bonnie Foltz, "and I've learned a lot about plants, animal tracking and birding. It's been a hands-on experience and I've really enjoyed it."

Thanks, volunteers

The faculty and staff of Linkhorn Park Elementary School will host a Volunteers in Education reception on Thursday, June 5 to honor parents and friends who donate their time throughout the school year. The reception will be held at 3:40 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clubs

The Linkhorn Park Garden Club will hold its 14th annual bridge marathon luncheon on Friday, June 6 at the Princess Anne County Club. Proceeds from this event will be used for the beautification of the community. Awards will be presented to members of the club for exhibit arrangements and horticulture specimens. Awards will also be given to winners of the bridge marathon that began in October and ends this month. Call Phyllis Gimbert, 422-6289, for reservations.

The next meeting of the Back Bay Restoration Foundation will be on Wednesday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad, 740 Virginia Beach Blvd. Konrad Mebert, a doctoral student at Old Dominion University, will be the featured speaker. He will discuss his research into the ecology of some of the water snakes common to the Back Bay area.

A Flag Day observance will be held in the MacArthur Memorial Rotunda by Great Bridge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, on June 14 at noon. Lillian B. Youell, author and historian, will be featured speaker. Begun in 1965 at MacArthur Memorial by the DAR chapter, this observance is the longest continuous Flag Day ceremony in Hampton Roads. For more information, call 423-2999.

The Association of Former SACLANT Officers will gather for a buffet dinner and dance at the NAS Oceana Officers Club on Friday, May 30 at 6 p.m.

Education

The Linkhorn Park Elementary School second grade classes of Martha Wilson and Frances Sellow will present a musical, "The Mice from Outerspace," on Wednesday, June 4 at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Health

Virginia Beach General Hospital will offer an Infant/Child CPR class on Saturday, May 31 from 8 a.m.-noon in the Green Run Medical Center. The training is designed for new parents, grandparents and all child care providers. A CPR-registered instructor will teach participants how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and how to give first aid to choking victims.

Government

The Virginia Beach Human Rights Commission will meet Thursday, June 5 from 4-6 p.m. in the Human Resources Department Conference Room 125, Virginia Beach Municipal Center Complex, Building 18. If you wish to speak before the commission, call 427-8374 or 427-8383 (TDD) to sign up in advance.

False Cape easy to travel

False Cape State Park, which lies at the extreme southeastern tip of Virginia Beach, could, until a few weeks ago, be reached only by biking, hiking or canoeing several miles from Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Now, visitors can reach the 4,300-acre park by electric powered trams.

The trams, which can carry 24 people, now make a round trip to the park from Little Island Park, a public beach just north of Back Bay Wildlife Refuge. Right now, the trams leave at 9 a.m. to make the 45-minute trek to the park's contact station, then return to Little Island Park three hours later. Plans call for two daily round trips beginning Memorial Day Weekend, but reservations are suggested because seating's limited.

This park lies on a barrier spit between Back Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, and it's home to many species of wild animals including deer, red



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Teams of 15 members each from throughout Hampton Roads will take turns running, trotting and walking around the athletic track, and camping out overnight Friday. The events honor cancer survivors and memorialize those who have died from the disease. One team member, Dorothy Edwards, intends to walk the entire 24 hours. Her goal is 100 miles.

Approximately 3,000 people participated in last year's Relay, raising \$370,000 in the

battle against cancer. It was the largest fund-raising event from among all American Cancer Society units throughout the U.S. in 1996. This year's goal is \$450,000.

The volunteer team members set up tents for naps and snack breaks when they are not on the track. Each team has a theme and its temporary quarters are decorated accordingly and are judged for originality and theme value.

Entertainment is scheduled throughout much of the event, from line dancing to rhythm and blues to country music singing. Among the entertainers are the Little Creek School of Music in a patriotic tribute and the R&B All-Stars, both on

Friday night's schedule.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, entertainment will include The Rhythm Method, The Haze, line dancing, Tonja Rose with Street talk and Troy Hedspeh, a freshman at First Colonial High who has appeared on national television and is known as The Little Man of Country. Also appearing will be Rip Tide, mascot of the Norfolk Tides baseball team.

Following opening ceremonies Friday evening, the program will begin with a walk around the track by cancer survivors. Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, a cancer survivor, will officiate at a highlighting of luminaries around the track

in honor of many who have died of cancer.

Host for the Friday evening activities will be Terry Zahn, news anchor on WVEC-TV who recently was diagnosed with bone cancer. He has been chairman of the Relay for Life's promotions committee for a number of years. He will walk around the track with the survivors in the initial stage of the relay. Officials of the American Cancer Society will pay tribute to the newscaster Friday night.

Host for Saturday's activities will be Joe Hoppel of WCMR radio. A free breakfast and lunch will be served to participants Saturday, compliments of Pollard's Chicken.



Obu top honors

Virginia Beach resident Lena Bar-Maor, center, a sports medicine major with a 3.98 grade point average, was among several Old Dominion University students to receive a distinguished student award during the university's Student Honors and Awards Banquet. The Alumni Association presented silver bowls to the top students in each college.

BUSINESS REVIEW

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There can be many reasons a woman chooses to place her baby for adoption, but it is never an easy decision. Teenage pregnancy is one of the major reasons. The young woman may have enough emotional maturity to realize that she is statistically less likely to finish her education or remain married to the birthfather, and more likely to live and raise her child in poverty. An older woman may realize that her lifestyle, emotional instability or financial situation may put the child at risk.

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Having an unplanned pregnancy is never easy and The Barker Foundation is available to help.

Oriental Connection David Taylor, Owner

Already known to the people of this area for the ultimate in martial arts training, Oriental Connection would like you to realize the many benefits their programs offer. The conditioning exercises utilized by these professionals include movements originated many years ago.

Since its founding, Oriental Connection has been committed to providing students with quality martial arts training and self-discipline in an atmosphere that preserves human values and individual identities. The instructors strive to provide martial arts training as well as an appreciation for the traditional forms and ideologies while keeping pace with modern martial arts. When people think of exercise, they do not realize that self-defense instruction provides a total body and mind workout adaptable to men, women and children of all ages.

The instructor's responsibility is to ensure that when students branch out into society they maintain an understanding of martial arts and its philosophies. They instill in their students the value of practicing their knowledge in everyday life. Oriental Connection is located in Virginia Beach at 1949 Lynnhaven Parkway, phone 471-2378. You are invited to call for further information and class schedules.

Fest-goers flock to Pungo for 'berried treasure'

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just in case they blow out."

The civic league will donate proceeds from its booth to two \$500 scholarships Pungo area seniors. The remainder will go to recreation leagues and the rescue squad.

As the civic league churned out frozen concoctions, the succulent strawberries for the festival pies, cakes, ice cream and daiquiris had to come from somewhere. Pungo Produce helped with those needs.

The small booth located at the intersection of Princess Anne and Indian River roads was doing bang-up business Saturday.

"The berries and the festival are a family tradition," Tammy Dail explained between customers.

"This is what Pungo is famous for. I've really seen this festival blossom. I remember the first — about 20,000 people came out and the road was even open," she laughed. "Let's just say it was very loosely organized."

Dail wasn't the only one impressed by its growth. Carolyn Culpepper has been involved with the festival since its inception in the early '80s.

"I remember it vividly," she reflected. "It was all local people who came together and decided to show how much pride we have in the community. We had a 'big' parade — all the Little League teams, the Kellam High School band, Princess Anne High School.

"We were in such shock the first year that we just stood back and watched. It was so clean — no trash, everyone cleaned up after themselves," Culpepper reminisced.

"Of course," she noted, "we're not so fortunate these days."

Trash or no trash, festival participants were determined to take advantage of the weekend's many offerings.

Festivities got rolling Friday with the special 'locals only' carnival evening. By 9 a.m. Saturday, fields were already starting to fill with cars bearing



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER. Rarely does Pungo see more traffic than during the annual Strawberry Festival, except when it's foot

traffic. Princess Anne Road is closed for the weekend as eventgoers mix and mingle among the many attractions.



CHOW DOWN. Ned Lowery of the Norfolk Airport Firefighters FOP Local 3406 enjoys a slice of dripping watermelon.

Soap box derby gets ready to roll

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the little cars are powered — pure gravity.

"Depending on the angle or degrees to the hill, it can range from 23 to 30 miles per hour.

The Little Creek course is not one of the fastest in Virginia, but Morneauult uses that to the children's advantage.

One competitor is coming down from Williamsburg to race. Her father will not allow her to compete in Richmond because he is concerned the track is "too fast."

He does want his daughter to reap the benefits of derby racing, however, so he will make the hour drive next Saturday.

"It's a good experience," said Morneauult. "It really makes for quite an experience. It gives them a chance to compete with kids all over the world. Getting involved in a sport like this is good for self-esteem and values. It's a lot of fun."

Morneault's 13-year-old son, Christopher, is an avid participant.

"I love doing it," Christopher chimed in.

With Christopher coming in just .004 seconds behind the winners in his last two races, Morneauult said he sees nothing but benefits for his son.

"He enjoys it. He really does. He's definitely a good sport about it."

Why are Christopher and other young racers so addicted to the sport?

"For the fun and experience, because sometimes you get to travel," the younger Morneauult grinned. "We traveled to West Virginia and Richmond and this year we were going to go to Atlanta, but we didn't."

Instead, Christopher joined last year's Virginia Beach champion, Ben Burgoyne, and a troop of Boy Scouts in the Pungo Strawberry Festival parade as a reminder that soap box derby racing in Virginia Beach is back on the rise.

In fact, the Fraternal Order of

Police sponsored the troop's car, which is painted blue and somewhat resembles a police car.

One lucky Scout will compete with it next weekend, in hopes of winning the race.

Of course, all the contestants hope to be winners, and this year's event promises to be a family affair — literally.

Nearly half of the contestants are related, including a pair of brothers, sisters, cousins and a niece and uncle combination.

A little friendly sibling rivalry will add a unique twist to the event.

Jeffrey Hall, 12, is anticipating a swift race, possibly against his 14-year-old brother, Nicholas to "see who's better at it."

The boys' father mentioned the upcoming event to Jeffrey, piquing his interest.

"I've always heard it was fun and I just wanted to try it out," said Hall.

His eyes are on the prize.

"I heard the winner gets to go to the grand race in Ohio and I'd like to go and see the grand national championship," Hall noted.

Morneault welcomes racers from everywhere, hoping to boost the once-popular sport.

Ever since the race track at Mt. derby racing lay dormant in Hampton Roads.

"Mt. Trashmore has been condemned, unfortunately," Morneauult noted. "We've been in touch with the mayor and she said it's going to cost too much to repave. She said it would cost as much as \$100,000."

Morneault thinks that with a community effort of volunteers and support from a few local contractors, that figure could be drastically reduced.

He estimates \$20,000 to \$40,000 to tear up the track, then repave it. A soap box derby race track in Charlottesville, W. Va. was recently repaved to the tune of about \$1,800.

Meanwhile, soap box derby racers are quite content with the Little Creek track and the forthcoming race.

The race starts at 10:30 a.m. on June 7 at Little Creek Amphibious Base. Admission and parking are free and local sponsors are still needed.

cager festivalgoers. By 11 a.m., as the annual grand parade got under way, spectators were lined shoulder to shoulder for a peek at the floats, marching bands and antique vehicles.

As temperatures hovered around 85 degrees by noon, few folks seemed to mind. But some, like Strawberry Cookoff Contest finalist Ruth Glowacz, had cause for concern.

Trying to shield her Strawberry Meringue Angel Pie from the sun, she was ready for the judging to begin at 1 p.m.

"I've been entering about 10 years and winning something every year," she said proudly. "But it's not luck!"

The secret is recipes she develops and hones throughout the year. Her efforts have even garnered the People's Choice award.

"All year long I'm creating recipes, kind of like a designer. When they told me I was a finalist again this year, I couldn't believe it."

Glowacz remembered one particularly eventful cookoff.

"I made Strawberries Under Glass with a Jello topping that melted in the 90-degree heat," she lamented. "It came in second place, even though it was disaster!"



FESTIVAL FEVER. H.M. Serna School of Music and Dance drew plenty of praise for its distinctly Polynesian float in the annual grand parade.

Weekend activities also included a pie-eating contest, down-home entertainment on two stages, a carnival, military

displays, a 4-H and agricultural tent, craft booths, food, an art contest for children, a 5K run, and medieval encampment and

re-enactments. The festival, billed as a non-alcoholic family event, typically draws 120,000 to 150,000 people.

Locals lured to the 'big bash,' too

By Jane Rowe
Correspondent

It must be a Pungo thing.

By mid-week, the word had gotten around the corridors of all of the local schools.

Everybody was going to be at the Strawberry Festival Friday night. Absolutely everybody.

Well, at least all of the local people and, more to the point, the local kids. It seems as if Friday night has become locals' night at the Pungo Strawberry Festival, and a Pungo kid could wreck his or her social position forever by not showing up for the festival's opening act.

Before the activities are in full gear and the tourists arrive, local residents are already on hand sitting up booths for civic organizations, chatting with neighbors and, of course, waiting for their kids to get their fill of the midway rides and games.

By late afternoon, members of the Back Bay Restoration Foundation were already putting up the booth where they would dispense free information and sell T-shirts over the weekend. They discussed the weather and the likelihood of rain while they searched to make sure they had plenty of sweatshirts on hand.

Old hands at manning the T-shirt booths, they know the tricks of their trade. No matter what the weather forecast, at some point during the weekend it will almost surely rain or turn chilly, and unprepared day-trippers will scarf up sweatshirts like they're free lottery tickets.



The members chuckled when they remembered the strong northeast winds and chilly temperatures that brought people to their booth in droves.

They also commented on the relaxed atmosphere that night. Friday night, they said, is the night for families, neighbors, old friends and, in particular, kids.

"Janis is down there now capping strawberries for the Kiwanis Club," said Foundation member and Back Bay resident George Walsh, referring to his wife who was helping to set up a booth in mid-town Pungo.

"They're doing strawberry shortcakes this weekend, and they'll give the money to charitable activities. They give out a couple of scholarships, and to needy people at Christmas and they always make a big donation to King's Daughters Hospital."

"My kids are at the midway," Walsh continued. "I think all of the under-15 crowd is here tonight. It's really kind of nice, because this is about the last place that crowd can come

LOCAL YOKELS. Back Bay resident Lockwood Evans, right photo, mixes up a non-alcoholic strawberry daiquiri while the Creeds 4-H Cloverbuds show their spirit.

that's low-keyed."

It did seem as if every kid south of Princess Anne Courthouse was milling around the packed midway, and a group of middle school students explained that this was no accident.

"It's a big thing at school, we all talk about it and plan to come here Friday night," Eric Jewell said.

"It's like a Pungo thing," confirmed Allen Lanteigne. "It's like we're all Pungolians here tonight, and we come to mix with other Pungolians."

"Tonight is the night you see the local kids," agreed Julie Ogden, a physical education assistant at Creeds Elementary School.

Ogden was capping strawberries while she waited for her own grandchildren, who were across the road at the midway.



"I wheeled the strawberries in a wagon down here so I could be close to the kids," she said.

The strawberries, Ogden explained, were for the non-alcoholic daiquiris which the Back Bay Pungo Civic League would sell to raise money for local charitable groups.

Civic league members use the funds raised at the festival for scholarships and donations to a variety of organizations. The Creeds Rescue Squad is high on the priority list this year, she added.

EDUCATION

Beach educator receive state School Bell Award honors

Four Virginia Beach received School Bell Awards for their outstanding contributions to their schools and systems during the annual conference of the Virginia Association of Elementary Schools.

They were Don Clement, Centerville Elementary; Nancy Davenport, Kingston Elementary; Linda Hayes, Lynnhaven Elementary, and, Betsy Taylor, John B. Dey Elementary.

The coveted School Bell Awards are based on nominations from principals' peers in the school division.

Criteria for judging include significant contributions to school, system, state association, national association, and/or other educational organization; publication of an article or a paper; presentation at a state or national conference; implementation of an exemplary program; significant contributions in the community; and demonstration of a track record as an outstanding principal.

The board of directors of VAESP, composed of principals from all over the state, makes the final selections for the awards. In Virginia, the association will present 20 School Bell Awards this year.

The VAESP includes 1,200 members, making it the fourth largest state association in the nation. Members of VAESP are also members of the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

Thoroughgood's Harvey named new leader of Va. elementary school principals

Rebecca Harvey, principal of Thoroughgood Elementary School, has been elected president of the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals (VAESP) and will be recognized during the association's spring conference at the Cavalier Hotel.

She received a plaque in recognition of her attainment of the office and will begin her term of office July 1.

Since 1991, Harvey has served on the board of directors of VAESP. She has also served as Tidewater Zone director and as federal relations coordinator for the association. In the latter capacity, she often traveled to Washington, D.C., to talk to policy makers about increasing funding for education.

Although VAESP is the fourth largest state principals' association in the nation, as president, Harvey will place a high priority on recruiting members. Membership currently stands at 1,200. She hopes to see it grow by at least 200 during her term of office.

"VAESP offers superb opportunities for networking with principals throughout the country," said Harvey. "I've learned many new ideas from other principals to bring back to Virginia Beach."

Harvey started teaching sixth grade at Windsor Oaks Elementary in 1972. She became an assistant principal in 1984, then in 1987 worked in central office as special education administrative coordinator. In 1989 she became principal at Thoroughgood Elementary School.

Authors visit Beach

Connie Porter, author of the "American Girl" series, and Joy Hakim, author of "History of U.S." (10 books including Civil and post-Civil War history series), will sign books at the Lynnhaven House Saturday, June 7 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. with readings at 2:30 p.m. Admissions is \$1 for ages 6 to 18; under 6, free; adults, \$3. Lynnhaven House is located at 4405 Wishart Road off Independence Boulevard/Haygood Road near Haygood Shopping Center in Virginia Beach.



Photo by Laura Bagby

A look to the future

Talented and gifted elementary students from Old Donation Center teamed up with Old Dominion University's robotic lab last week to learn more about armions as part of their unit on futuristics. Fourth grader Ashley Buscigli, top photo, learned how to pick up a pencil using the microbot, a robotic hand that operates using a pulley system. Fourth grader Sara Dickens and fifth grader Frances McCrae practiced operating the Microbot Measuring Machine. The project was part of Old Donation's "Moving On: Connections to Tomorrow" program.



Pastor pens postcard poetry

Minister's ode to Virginia Beach is first published

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

When Dr. Ray O. Jones looks at the Virginia Beach oceanfront, he sees more than bathing beauties, intrepid surfers and miles of boardwalk.

He sees "the irresistible maiden of the East Coast." Jones will soon share his poetic visions with the thousands of visitors who annually flock to the resort city. His ode will be the first to grace a Virginia Beach postcard.

Marketed by Williamsburg-based publishing company Bicast, they debut at the oceanfront June 15. A Portsmouth police chaplain, also pastor of Chesapeake's Lee Memorial Baptist Church, felt strongly that families wanted more than the traditional postcard offerings typically featuring bikini-clad women.

The Virginia Beach poetry postcard is not a first for Jones. Several years ago he had a similar one, "O Beautiful Hawaii," published in tribute to the island paradise.

"Really, what is more beautiful than a spectacular crimson sunset? And I've never seen a prettier moon than over Waikiki," the world traveler mused.

Now he's turning his attentions homeward. A long-time writer, Jones' fascination with poetry and prose goes back 25 years.

"I was looking for something beautiful to put on my church bulletin, either an article or essay. I became unhappy that it was so difficult to find something with 350 words that really got to the point and would be interesting reading. So I started writing myself," he said.

Soon others started responding positively to Jones' writing, which ultimately became the column Today's Challenge. Still published in The Chesapeake Post, it was also printed in The Knoxville News Sentinel for eight years.



Photo by Victoria Hecht

PRETTY POETRY. Dr. Ray O. Jones, a Portsmouth police chaplain and pastor of Chesapeake's Lee Memorial Baptist Church, will have his poetry printed on postcards for the resort cities of Virginia Beach and Myrtle Beach, S.C. The local cards will debut June 15.

Jones eventually found sponsorship for his writing in eight states and on 27 radio stations. A compilation of his works, "Top Sacred," was published by Broadman Press in Nashville, Tenn. He continues to write for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

That brings him back to the postcards.

"For something to be 'Christian,' you don't necessarily have to have the words church, religion or God in an essay. But anything that is beautiful, inspiring and uplifting to encourage people is certainly spiritual. Out of that idea came beautiful poems."

Inspired by success with his Hawaiian postcard, Jones saw the same beauty close to home.

The Virginia Beach poem, simply titled "Virginia Beach," reads:

"Virginia Beach...a place for lovers...where even the sea and sand discover romance as the waves lift their foamy lips and kiss your golden shores."

"Virginia Beach...moonlit evenings...starlit nights...gentle winds like phantoms of the night...whisper their love."

"The lovely, lonely, rising full moon over Virginia Beach is still the lover's lamp...the swain's delight...adding even more beauty

to this irresistible maiden of the East Coast..."

Virginia Beach...like a beautiful maiden in a dream, you whirl in my mind...you set my pulses dancing...I shall ever return to you."

Jones has also written "Ode to Myrtle Beach," which will be marketed by Kruger Limited at the South Carolina resort beginning June 1.

As a busy pastor and chaplain, Jones said finding time for his hobby is no problem.

"We all have the same amount of time," he explained. "But my writing is part of my ministry."

Art Camp registration under way

ArtCamp will hold its 13th season of fun for students in grades one through six. ArtCampers explore ideas and learn new skills while working in a variety of media, including painting, drawing, ceramics, photography and theater. Classes are held at the Contemporary Art Center, but also travel to other locations, such as the oceanfront and the Virginia Marine Science Museum. Classes run July 7 through Aug. 29, for a total of eight weeks of week-long classes. Students age 12 and up can

When he "feels a moment of creativity when the pen is sparkling," some of his best works emerge.

Jones is a prolific writer. Pulling a manila folder stuffed thick with sheaths of poetry and prose, he confessed that much of it has never been printed. Sometimes it's just too personal — tender writings to his wife, Miriam, and their four children.

"As a writer or poet, you are disclosing yourself. Not everyone can do that," he said. "Some people hide behind facades, but writers and poets share the essence of who they are."

Mass marketing his poetry via postcards, Jones said, is an exciting possibility. "But where it will lead, I don't know. I truly believe we have a large portion of society that is tired of trash. People today, I believe, are more discriminating, they want something beautiful. I believe there is a need in the media and marketplace for something like this."

A native of Selma, N.C., Jones has served as a member of the Christian Life Committee of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. He also served as secretary of the Portsmouth Area Ministerial Association.

He is listed in "Personalities of the South" and is a former Knoxville Outstanding Clergyman of the Year. He holds four degrees, including a master's degree in psychology and counseling from the University of Tennessee and a doctorate from Luther Rice Seminary.

attend up to four TeenStudio classes. These will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 12:30-5:30 p.m., allowing parents to provide transportation at convenient times. Topics include black and white darkroom photography, clay wheel-throwing and hand-building and mixed media drawing and painting. Classes run July 7 through Aug. 22.

For more information on ArtCamp and TeenStudio, call the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, 425-0000.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Beach minister receives college alumni award

The Rev. Dr. Paul C. Bailey of Virginia Beach has received the Distinguished Service to the Church Award from Shenandoah University's Alumni Association.

He has served many Virginia churches and was superintendent for the Portsmouth District from 1988-1992. Within the Virginia Conference, he has served as the district secretary of mission and on the Goodson Foundation, Council on Finance and Administration, Board of Ordained Ministry, Conference Board of Trustees, Board of Pensions and the Committee on Episcopacy.

Bailey has been delegate to the 1992 General Conference for the United Methodist Church and a three-time delegate to Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference for the United Methodist Church.

Bailey earned a bachelor's degree in education from James Madison University, a bachelor of divinity from the United Theological Seminary, a master of theology and a doctor of ministry from the Union Theological Seminary, and an honorary doctor of divinity from Shenandoah University.

Retired Officers name leadership

The Hampton Roads Chapter of The Retired Officers Association recently installed new officers and staff:

- President Capt. Ronald Bauman, USN;
- First Vice President - Capt. Donald Trueblood, USN;
- Second Vice President Cdr. William Blumling, USN;
- Secretary LCDr. Homer Cook, USN;
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Kempsville ninth grader is ACT-SO contest finalist

Seven high school students in the Hampton Roads area won gold medals at the 1997 local ACT-SO competition held at Indian River Middle School. They are now on their way to the national competition scheduled for July 11-15 in Pittsburgh.

The winner from Virginia Beach was Rashida Scott, Kempsville High School, ninth grade, original essay and vocal contemporary.

ACT-SO is an acronym for Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics. It is a major project of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Through ACT-SO, the NAACP is providing an instrument through which black youths are encouraged and inspired toward excellence in academic and cultural pursuits and afforded the same respect for these accomplishments as that awarded to those in the world of sports.

African-American students in grades nine through 12 compete in humanities, visual arts, performing arts, music and the sciences.

TCC recognizes spring dean's list

One-hundred-and-one students made the dean's list for the spring semester at the Portsmouth campus of Tidewater Community College.

Honored from Virginia Beach were J.D. Davis Jr., Scott Foster, Taifa Harris, Geoffrey Kern, Leslie Miles, Gerald Monk, Kenneth Morey, David Myers, Roddy Porter, Terry Quinn and Nancy Weese.



Photos by Laura Bagby

In the name of honor

Vietnam veterans across Hampton Roads gathered at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial in the pouring rain Monday for the annual holiday observance. The lawn was decorated with flags depicting the names of servicemen to be honored. Bob Harris, left photo, currently a navy shipyard worker, was a riverboat captain in Vietnam. He holds a flag in honor of the men from River Division 13. Members of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet Band played, bottom photo, played some patriotic tunes to accompany the solemn occasion.



Commonwealth Law Society takes 'Stand for Children'

Students of the Law Society at Commonwealth College will sponsor a rally Wednesday to raise awareness about child abuse.

To be held in conjunction with Stand for Children activities planned throughout the country, the rally will include afternoon activities for children and a forum in the evening which will include panelists discussing issues related to children.

Children's activities begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Virginia Beach campus on Centre Pointe Drive and include face painting, storytelling and photo identification pictures.

Members of the sheriff's office and fire department will be available for fingerprinting and a luncheon will be provided for the children. Dr. John Welch, will perform free spinal examinations for children. Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Child Abuse Center of Hampton Roads, and the Virginia Beach Department of Health will distribute information. The evening panel discussion will begin at 6 p.m. Mayor Meyera Oberndorf will proclaim

it Stand for Children Day.

Panelists include Kevin Pierce, executive director of the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Jane Stein, executive director of the Child Abuse Center of Hampton Roads; Attorney Michael Brouty, Friends of the Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court; attorney Michelle Harris of the Commonwealth's Attorney Office, who will discuss juvenile boot camps; and, attorney Barry Glyndon Logsdon, who will discuss issues related to child abuse.

The afternoon will conclude with an auction. Proceeds will be given to a local agency providing services to children.

The students of the Law Society at Commonwealth College began their affiliation with the national Stand for Children organization in April, 1996.

The students held a forum to discuss the overwhelming problems children are facing in the '90s and spotlighted organizations working towards solutions to these problems on the local and national level.

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, June 10, 1997 at 2:30 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard: SUBDIVISION VARIANCE: PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH 1. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for William Cairns and Donald Monson. Property is located at 3022 New Bridge Road. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.



CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: 2. An Ordinance upon Application of First Filipino Baptist Church Trustees for Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion (parking) on the south side of Holland Road, west of Monet Drive. Said parcel is located at 2969 Holland Road and contains 2.215 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

3. An Ordinance upon Application of First Lynnhaven Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located northwest of the intersection of Princess Anne Road and Courthouse Loop. Said parcel is located at 2641 Princess Anne Road and contains 19.682 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH 4. An Ordinance upon Application of Les Modlin, DRWC Raceway, for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature on certain property located on the north side of Norfolk & Southern Railroad R/W, 528.82 feet east of S. Great Neck Road. Said parcel contains 10,890 square feet.

LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH, PUNGO BOROUGH

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Jamie & Joseph Nicolato for a Conditional Use Permit for boarding horses and a training facility on the south side of Gum Bridge Road, 1445 feet west of Muddy Creek Road. Said parcel is located at 1501 Gum Bridge Road and contains 19.48 acres. PUNGO BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf) Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE City Clerk

Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF ALLEN IN THE ALLEN SUPERIOR COURT WILLIAM D. LANTZ, Petitioner, vs. ROBERTA L. LeFERVA, Respondent. CAUSE NO. 02D07-9109-JP-671

NOTICE OF HEARING Notice is hereby given that William D. Lantz has filed a Motion To Set Specific Visitation and Information For Contempt in the Allen County Superior Court in Cause No. 02D07-9109-JP-671. This notice is directed to Roberta L. LeFerva whose last known address is 200 Iroquois Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462. You are hereby ordered to appear on the 18th day of June, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. to hear and present evidence on the above-referenced petition. Failure to appear could result in adverse rulings entered against you.

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Tisdale received his bachelor's of degree from the University of Tennessee in 1974 and his doctor of medicine from the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond in 1981.

He completed an internship at Riverside Hospital in Newport News in 1982, and his family practice residency at First Colonial Family Practice in Virginia Beach in 1984.

Tisdale served the United States Air Force, Medical Corps' 9th Strategic Hospital-Beale AFB from 1984-1988 and was department chairman of family practice from 1987-1988. He was associated with the Billings Clinic, Heights Branch, in Billings, Mont. from 1988-1990. He is certified by the American Board of Family Practice and is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice.

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 Serial: 2B4FK413HR336850
 Auction Date: 06/17/97
 Time: 11:00 a.m. at Tidewater Acceptance Corp., 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, VA 23518.
 Tidewater Accept. Corp. reserves the right to bid.

Public Notice

Auction: 1987 DODGE ARIES/WHITE
 Serial: 1B3BD36D8HF141899
 Auction Date: 06/09/97
 Time: 11:00 a.m. at Tidewater Acceptance Corp., 7000 N. Military Hwy Norfolk, VA 23518.
 Tidewater Accept. Corp. reserves the right to bid.

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE
 IN RE: Carolyn Schwalenberg, Plaintiff v.
 Frederick Arthur Schwalenberg, Defendant
 Case No. CH96-3565

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 The object of this suit is for entry of a Final Decree of Divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii. It is ORDERED that Frederick Arthur Schwalenberg appear and protect his interest, on or before July 8, 1997, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

May 14, 1997
 J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
 By Bill Maul, Deputy Clerk

Public Notice**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 11, 1997 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:
 1. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance. Subdivision for Rudy Magnusson. Property is located on Lot 45A on Alberthas Hwy. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

2. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance. Subdivision for Jerry Spiker. Property is located at 928 Ballyn Road. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:
 3. An Ordinance upon Application of J.G.M., L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-2 Agricultural District and O-2

Office District to Conditional I-1 Light Industrial District on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: From AG-2 to Conditional I-1 on the east side of Holland Road beginning at a point 300 feet more or less south of Dam Neck Road.

Parcel 2: From O-2 to Conditional I-1 located 70 feet more or less east of Holland Road beginning at a point 3000 feet more or less south of Dam Neck Road. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional I-1 is for industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for industrial use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 20,298.96 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

STREET CLOSURE:
 4. Application of The Runnymede Corporation for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of the following street:

Pine Street: Beginning at the southern boundary of Fourth Street and running in a southerly direction a distance of 457.03 feet to the northern boundary of South Boulevard.

Poplar Street: Beginning at the southern boundary of Fourth Street and running in a southerly direction a distance of 456.99 feet to the northern boundary of South Boulevard. Said streets contain 1,385 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Williams Holding Corp., a Virginia Corporation, for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural District to Conditional R-30 Residential District on the west side of Seaboard Road, 1400 feet more or less north of County Place. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-30 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 30,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for agricultural use in accordance with Plan policies regarding Transition Area III. Said parcel contains 47,251 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

6. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance. Subdivision for Williams Holding Corp., a VA Corporation. Property is located on the west side of Seaboard Road, 1400 feet more or less north of County Place. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Heron Ridge Golf Club, L.C., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 and AG-2 Agricultural Districts to Conditional R-20 Residential District on certain property located 1400 feet more or less west of Seaboard Road beginning at a point 600 feet southeast of Bernadotte Street. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional R-20 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 20,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for agricultural use in accordance with Plan policies regarding Transition Area III. Said parcel contains 69.16 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE

8. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance. Subdivision for Heron Ridge Golf Club, L.C. Property is located 1400 feet more or less west of Seaboard Road, 600 feet southeast of Bernadotte Street. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

9. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, for a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational facility of an outdoor nature (golf course) on certain property located on the southwest side of Seaboard Road beginning at a point 3500 feet more or less northwest of Princess Anne Road. Said parcel contains 283 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Ralph E. Knapp, Jr., for a Conditional Use Permit for a building contractors storage yard on certain property located on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard beginning at a point 670 feet more or less west of First Colonial Road. Said parcel contains 30,250 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

AMENDMENT:
 11. Ordinance to amend

Section 104 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to penalties for continuing zoning violations. More detailed information is available in the Planning Department.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Charles G. & Susan L. Barker for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales & service on the south side of Laskin Road, east of Regency Drive. Said parcel is located at 1905 Laskin Road and contains 34,290 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of F. Wayne McLeskey, Jr., for a Conditional Use Permit for additional boat slips on the east side of Southside Road, north of Hobart Avenue. Said parcel is located at 416 Southside Drive and contains 4.22 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

14. An Ordinance upon Application of Demetrius T. Kouloukis for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle rentals on property located on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard 280 feet more or less west of Dorset Avenue. Said parcel is located at 5033 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 30,301 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

15. An Ordinance upon Application of Wireless PCS, Inc., agent for AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole tower located on the south side of Independence Boulevard beginning at a point 350 feet more or less east of Round Hill Drive. Said parcel contains 2,272 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

16. An Ordinance upon Application of Creeds & Associates, Inc., a VA Corp., and M.M. & Gayle B. Rollins for a Conditional Use Permit for an alternative rural residential development on certain property located at the southern terminus of Oakum Creek Drive. Said parcel contains 30.03 acres. PUNGO BOROUGH.

STREET CLOSURE:

17. Application of Bayville Farms Associates, L.C., for a discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of First Court Road beginning at the southern boundary of Shore Drive and running in a southeasterly direction a distance of 1165.07 feet. Said parcel contains 1.42 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 5/19/97:

18. An Ordinance upon Application of Allsafe Self Storage LLC for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the south side of Baxter Road, 812 feet east of Princess Anne Road. The proposed zoning classification

change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 4855-4867 Baxter Road and contains 3,2407 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

19. An Ordinance upon Application of Allsafe Self Storage LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for mini-warehouses on the south side of Baxter Road, 812 feet east of Princess Anne Road. Said parcel is located at 4855-4867 Baxter Road and contains 3,2407 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

20. An Ordinance upon Application of Joseph Overholt, Trustee Overholt Trust for a Conditional Change of Zoning District Classification from R-10 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the southwest corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Salem Road. The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban medium density residential use at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 15 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

21. An Ordinance upon Application of Richard S. Proffitt for a Conditional Use Permit for a car wash in conjunction with an existing gasoline station at the southwest corner of Independence Boulevard and N. Witcluck Road. Said parcel is located at 773 Independence Boulevard and contains 21,823.56 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

22. An Ordinance upon Application of Wireless PCS, Inc., agent for AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole tower on the south side of Newtown Road, 220 feet east of Cleve Abbey. Said parcel is located at 932 Newtown Road and contains 76.133 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

23. An Ordinance upon Application of Wireless PCS, Inc. Agent for AT&T Wireless PCS, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a monopole communication tower on the north side of Mill Dam Road, east of Great Neck Road. Said parcel is located at 1552 Mill Dam Road and contains 42,688.8 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

24. An Ordinance upon Application of PrimeCo Personal Communications, L.P., for a Conditional Use Permit for a

monopole communication tower on the west side of Sandbridge Road, northeast of Colechester Road. Property is bounded on the east by Sandbridge Road and on the west by Hells Point Creek. Said parcel contains 73.8 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

25. An Ordinance upon Application of Widener Homes Ltd., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-7.5 Single Family District to A-12 Apartment District on certain property located on the north side of Witcluck Rd., beginning at a point 280 feet more or less west of Witcluck Road. The proposed zoning classification change to A-12 is for multi-family land use at a density no greater than 12 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this property for public/institutional/government use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 527 N. Witcluck Road and contains 1 acre. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

26. An Ordinance upon Application of William Moffat for a Conditional Use Permit for a borrow pit (farm pond) on certain property located 2850 feet more or less north of the intersection of London Bridge Road and Strawbridge Road. Said parcel is located at 2287 London Bridge Road and contains 5.472 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

27. An Ordinance upon Application of Beach Ford for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales and service at the southeast corner of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Foundry Lane. Said parcel is located at 2717 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 11.69 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 5/19/97:

28. An Ordinance upon Application of Contractors Paving Company, Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-1 Office District to Conditional I-2 Heavy Industrial District on property located between Avenue E and Rodriguez Drive beginning at a point 300 feet more or less south of Bonney Road and running in a southerly direction to the northern boundary of the Virginia Beach-Norfolk Expressway. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional I-2 is for heavy industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for office use in accordance with

other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 9.02 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott
 Planning Director

Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER FOR BEACON HOLDING CORPORATION, A DEFUNCT CORPORATION
 IN CHANCERY NO. CH97-1512

NOTICE TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS

To: Floyd E. Kellam, Jr.
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 Donald H. Clark
 One Columbus Center
 Virginia Beach, Virginia
 Edwin C. Kellam
 7460 North Shore Road
 Virginia Beach, Virginia
 Parties unknown who may be more fully described as all other parties having a substantial interest, either as owners or lienors of record or any other lienors, in the subject matter.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, Commissioner in Chancery, will on June 17, 1997 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at 4425 Corporation Lane, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452, proceed to take depositions in the above styled cause pursuant to the Decree of Reference entered May 2, 1997. If for any reason the taking of depositions is not commenced on that day, or if commenced is not concluded on that day, the taking of depositions will be continued from day to day at that time and place until the same shall be completed.

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CITIZEN INFORMATION/PARTICIPATION MEETING**Meeting:**

Wednesday, June 11, 1997 * Anytime between 4:00pm and 7:00pm
 To be held in the Kellam High School located at 2323 Holland Road in the City of Virginia Beach.

Purpose:

To provide interested citizens an opportunity to informally review and discuss with Department personnel the preliminary plans for the proposed improvement to Route 165 (Princess Anne Road) from Dam Neck Road to General Booth Boulevard in the City of Virginia Beach.

Comments:

Written comments and other exhibits relative to the proposed project may be submitted at the meeting or sent to the Department at any time within 10 days after the meeting.

Special Assistance:

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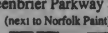
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Miss Va. Beach ready to shine

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Princess Anne High School senior Meghan Shanley has plenty of reason to smile these days.

For starters, prom was Friday night and graduation is only weeks away. But that's only the beginning. In the fall, she's headed for Elon College to major in journalism — if she isn't crowned Miss Virginia first.

Next month the 17-year-old

Miss Virginia Beach will compete against other young women from around the state in the final preliminary step before Miss America.

Shanley, a first-time entrant in the Miss Virginia Beach competition, hopes her luck holds out. She hadn't forayed into the pageant field since holding the 1989 Little Miss Virginia Beach title.

Now she's hoping her good fortune holds out.

"It's a great confidence booster — and a great honor," Shanley said, taking a quick break before a Friday afternoon softball game and Saturday appearance at the Pungo Strawberry Festival.

It's not that Shanley didn't want to compete again. She was simply too young.

"I've been waiting years to get old enough. My sister was in Miss Virginia Beach when I was about 12. I saw how much fun she had — how she met a lot of nice people and developed interview skills.

"Plus there's the scholarship money," she explained. "I was probably the first to sign up this year."

Once entered, the next question was talent. Shanley didn't know what to do until she discovered her singing voice. Apparently, the judges agreed she had a good one.

"I pretty much figured I'd sing, but was I good enough to do it in front of a crowd?" she mused. "When I heard the song 'Blue' (first recorded by Patsy Cline and later by LeAnne Rimes), I knew that was the one."

Shanley picked her platform, "getting youth involved in community activities," through personal experience.

"I was a member of my church youth group. We did a work camp in West Virginia helping people who couldn't help themselves in fixing up their homes."

"I thought it was one of, if not the best, experience I ever had. The attitude of everyone in the camp was amazing. The feeling you get from helping someone like that is one every kid should experience. It gave me a better feeling of self-worth."

Hectic only begins to describe Shanley's next month.

Aside from final exams, the Second Team All-District left fielder has softball games to play

and a pageant for which to prepare.

"It is overwhelming," she admitted. "It's not just school and the pageant, it's work (at Belk of Lynnhaven Mall), too. I always like to give things my best. When you have to split up your attention it's difficult. It's going to take getting used to."

Her pre-pageant preparations include "a major wardrobe check," rehearsing the Righteous Brothers' "Unchained Melody" for the talent category and developing interview skills.

"I'm getting used to being under the pressure of the situation," said Shanley, who's most nervous about the interview portion. "Judges are shooting questions at you. It's so hard to not draw a blank — and not sound programmed."

Miss Virginia Beach has developed an easygoing attitude about the upcoming pageant. Whether she wins the crown or not isn't the most important aspect.

"The local pageant that I did was pretty much for the scholarship, and I wasn't expecting anything out of that. So everything from here on out is a bonus. I'll shoot as high as I can, but it'll all be a bonus."

ROW will meet

The Retired Officers' Wives Society of Tidewater will hold its June luncheon at Oceana Officers Club, Hibiscus Room, on Thursday, June 12. Social hour will begin at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. The price is \$12. Jennifer Duffy, Merrill Lynch Financial consultant, will speak on "You and your money." For reservations call 464-4160, 464-5951 or 495-7516. Deadline for reservations or cancellations is Monday, June 9 at 5 p.m.



Photo by Victoria Hecht

SMILING PRETTY. The newly-crowned Miss Virginia Beach, Princess Anne High School senior Meghan Shanley, hopes to win additional scholarship money at the state competition in June.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Think before watering lawn

It happens every summer after a few days without rain. Up and down the neighborhoods, homeowners get out their garden hoses and begin spraying water over the breadth of their lawns.

Everyone wants his lawn to stay lush and vibrantly green, said David Chalmers, turfgrass specialist with Virginia Cooperative Extension at Virginia Tech. And since water makes up 75 percent to 85 percent of the weight of healthy turfgrass, it's no surprise that when the weather gets dry, so does the lawn.

But watering wisely involves more than just turning on the hose when the grass looks dry.

An inch of water spread over an acre of grass is equal to 27,154 gallons — no small amount, especially when water is restricted during more severe droughts.

To effectively use every drop, Chalmers offers the following tips:

- Water only to the depth of the root system.
- Water your lawn infrequently, but when you do, water it a lot. Deep and infrequent watering will maintain a healthy root system and reduce weeds better than light, frequent watering. Application of one inch

of water per week is a standard recommendation on the amount of water to apply in the absence of any appreciable rainfall.

■ Water when wind and sun are at a minimum to reduce evaporation. Night watering certainly meets those criteria, but may increase fungal diseases. Early morning (between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m.) is a good compromise.

■ Raise the blade on your lawn mower so that the grass stays higher. This increases the depth of the root system and keeps the soil shaded, which reduces the amount of water lost to evaporation.

■ Keep in mind that newly established turfs will require more frequent watering.

■ Make sure you don't waste water by spraying it on sidewalks, driveways or roads.

■ If the type of turf you have in your lawn isn't drought-resistant, consider planting one that is. There are many new turf-type varieties of tall fescue to choose from that persist well in periods of limited moisture.

■ Do not "over-manage" your lawn with excessive nitrogen fertility. A turf that is too lush will require more water than one that is moderately managed.



Courtesy Photo

Preserving the past

An infant's christening gown and cap, dated between 1810 to 1825, has been donated to Riddick's Folly Museum by Ruth Hunter of Virginia Beach. Purchased from a Maine antique dealer many years ago, the cap and gown will be featured at the special children's exhibit opening June 5 at the Suffolk museum. Hunter, a member of Colonial Dames of the 17th Century's Suffolk chapter, met museum director Patricia Jack in March and shared the dress' story. Jack, from Maine, was interested in seeing the white cotton dress and cap. They will now have a permanent home at the museum. Hunter, a member of Adam Thoroughgood Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, serves as registrar of the Suffolk Colonial Dames chapter.

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